

LOC

CHAS. F. HOUSE,

Chief Yeoman U. S. N.



YOURS

Inez Corinne Fonda  
Milwaukee  
Wisconsin

PRIVATE LOG  
OF  
CHARLES  
FREDERICK  
HOUSE,  
Chief Yeoman,  
U.S. Navy.

From January 1, 1906, to  
January 30, 1907.

Last Year in the Navy.

*C. F. House*



STADLY

Born, Milwaukee, Wis.

Apr. 6, 1882.

June, 1896 graduated  
from 17th school

September started course  
in South School.

Sept. High  
School

Sept. Wisconsin  
a. Colo.

Jan. mining.

October, 1903

Wis.

*[Signature]*



# A Chronicle of Important Events.

January 30, 1903, enlisted in the  
U.S. Navy at Milwaukee Wis.

April 29, 1903 - A reunion.

June 18, 1903 - Put USS. Florida  
in Commission New York Navy Yard

Oct. 2, 1903 - Rated Yeoman 2nd class.

July 14, 1904 - Rated Yeoman 1st class

Nov. 15 - 28 - Furlough

Aug. 1, 1905 - Rated Chief Yeoman

Sept. 28 - — Furlough - 1905.

Oct. 6 - 1905 - Announced engagement  
to Inez C. Foxda, & gave diamond ring.

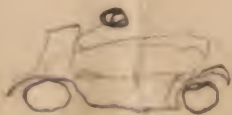
Oct. 10 - 1905 - Captain T.C. Fremont  
detached & Comdr. Chas Bartlett, Comdg.

Aug. 1906 - Permanent appointment  
as Chief Yeoman. Top of ladder.

from  
Mrs C. F. House,  
339 Greenfield Ave.  
Milwaukee, Wis.

(Signed)

October 6,  
1905.



New Year's Day, 1906.  
Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>  
U.S.S. FLORIDA.

Anchored off the Battery  
Charleston, South Carolina.  
Weather Clear & cool.

Florida has the guard  
made a guard trip  
this afternoon — all  
ships practically deserted.  
all hands ashore.

Blue shirts uniform for C.P.O's.  
Wrote a few letters, &  
got outgoing mail ready  
for tomorrow morning.  
Was ashore at 6.30 with

Bill Lynn — & took in  
Rip Van Winkle at the  
Academy of music.

Wish your good health  
and your family's  
and may they all live long  
and prosper.

Turned in at the  
Pavilion Hotel on King St.

January 2

Woke up late - about 8.30  
Turned out & hiked down  
to the Custom House  
lauding 4 bells & just  
caught the ship in a  
shore boat. Squadron  
got underway at 9.30  
& stood out to sea -  
after various evolutions  
ships separated & Florida  
proceeded to the Southward.  
I stood morning watch.  
Slept in the Subway Tavern  
all after noon.

January 3

Foggy weather at the entrance  
to St. John's River. Took  
a pilot on board & proceeded  
up to Tallahassee, Florida  
& anchored about 12 o'clock.  
Ship met by a delegation  
of citizens & Constabulary.  
Temperature warm & pleasant.  
Open Cars in use on City  
Tramway. Team had short practice.



January 4 - Thursday  
Routine work and  
quarterly & annual returns.  
Up the stick this morning  
with Lipu & got me class  
and quarantined for 2 weeks  
for  $1\frac{3}{4}$  hrs. over board.

British Vice Consul came  
aboard & was honored with  
a salute of seven guns.  
Team went out to ball  
park for usual practice.

January 5 - Friday  
Reverend Raco, barber  
& 6 for 5 man, paid  
off this morning.

The Governor of Florida  
came aboard, with a party  
of friends at 2.00 P.M. &  
inspected the ship. At  
3.30 when he left, fifteen  
guns were fired in his honor.  
Team had signal practice  
at the park.

A bunch went ashore to  
attend a smoker given  
by state militia.



January 6, 1906. Saturday  
Miss Mitchell paid off today.  
Jacksonville Times Union  
Sunday January 7, 1906.

In one of the best gridiron contests ever witnessed in Jacksonville, the Jacksonville Light Infantry football team defeated the team from the monitor Florida yesterday by the close score of 6 to 0.

From start to finish the game was well contested, and the nerves of the many spectators were kept on edge. During the first half particularly the battle was especially exciting. Several times the back of the monitor Florida's team hurled themselves into the Jacksonville line for good gains, and once or twice worked their way around the ends, aided by good interference, for substantial gains.

Then the J. L. I. team would brace, and hold the heavy jackles for downs. The pig-skin would at once start on a journey down the field. The fast work of the two Yancey boys netted big gains for the military team, and tackle formations showed what could be done with the mass plays. Few tricks were resorted to by either side, and from the start to finish the game was marked by straight, clean, hard football.

Though the sailors put up a game fight, the superior teamwork and the faster backs of the Jacksonville team gradually told, and ~~Julie~~ an Orange and Black runner crossed the navy goal line for a touch-down. From this ~~bull~~ goal was secured, making the final score 6 to 0.

It was a good game in every sense of the word, and the many spectators who witnessed it were well satisfied with the sport in every way.

To the football enthusiasts of the city additional interest was added to the game by reason of the fact that it gave the admirers of the military team an opportunity to see just what the team, as finally developed, could do.

The team that defeated the jackles yesterday was the same as that sent against Savannah on Christmas, and the spectators who witnessed the contest are more confident than ever that the local team would have defeated the boasted Blue and White had the Christmas game not ended in the middle which is not yet cleared up.

Went ashore after the  
game on special duty.

Saw Haullatt off.

Returned to the ship at 9.30.

Sunday - Jan. 7.

Visitors aboard all day.

Worth + Hogan Yawey, Warr  
Kennedy + others of Fox  
team off this afternoon.

Temperature at 62°  
Wrote a letter to Lucy.

Monday January 8.

Decision made that point of  
play in Saturday's game  
counted as a touch back,  
making score 5 to 0.

Got underway at 2.00 P.M.  
+ stood down St. John's River  
with pilot on board, and  
at 4.30 outside of the  
jetties at entrance to the  
St. John's River discharged  
pilot + stood to the north-  
ward. Clock set ahead  
one hour at eight bells.

Tuesday - Jan. 9 -

At 8.00 am. standing in  
Port Royal Sound, by  
Nilton Head, and at  
9.30 anchored off the  
Naval Station, Port Royal  
Commenced coaling both sides  
from lighter after dinner  
Took on 200 tons in  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours  
& at 3.30 sent telegram  
& stood out towards Charleston.  
Anchored about 12 midships  
inside the jetties and between  
Forts Moultrie & Sumpter.

Wednesday - January 10.

At 7.30 got up anchor &  
stood into Charleston harbor  
anchoring with Texas off  
Battery at 8.30 am.  
Cruiser Charleston, with the  
Secretary of the Navy on  
board & flying his flag  
4 star & anchor in blue  
field, came in & anchored  
above the Custom house.  
Water clear & cool.



Team went ashore for  
practice at the Citadel.  
Challenged Texas for  
Championship game Saturday.  
Three letters from Luez &  
answered them tonight.  
Got an overcoat from  
Colm, damages \$24.00.

Thursday January 11  
I leave the guard & wear  
the bolo for morning  
& afternoon trips. Captain  
out on the Wistaria with  
Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte.  
Team out for practice.  
Had another letter from Luez.

Friday - Jan. 12.  
Worked up Jacksonville U.S.  
A busy day. Team had last  
practice preparatory to game.  
Saturday -

Lost game to Texas 12-0.  
Two touch downs made in  
1st half & two goals. Ranks  
fumbles & miss plays by  
Florida lost her the game.

Sunday - January 14  
Getting in quarterly return  
on a rest order.

Barber still on a strike,  
will soon need a sly the  
Have the guard - but  
only made morning trip.  
Cruiser Charleston sailed  
at 4.00 o'clock.

Wrote letters to Dug &  
Aunt Sarah.

Monday - Jan. 15.  
Sailed from Charleston  
at 9.30 am. in squadron.  
Arkansas broke down  
inside the jetties. Stood to  
the southward toward  
Savannah, at 2.00 P.m.  
Had maneuvers all afternoon.  
Proceeded to duty assigned at  
5.30 P.m. Anchored in

Tybee Roads at 9.00 P.m.

Tuesday - Jan 16.  
stood up river with pilot  
on board and anchored  
below Fort Oglethorpe at  
11 o'clock, 5 miles from Savannah.



Wednesday

Steel Collision and fire drill  
and abandon ship exercises.  
Clear ship for action and  
general quarters in the  
afternoon.

Thursday —

Drill — Landing party —  
abandon ship — away all  
boats & general quarters  
at midnight.

Friday — Jan. '9.

General quarters and  
life boat drill. Got one  
month's restriction up the  
back for sin of omission.  
Neither sorry nor glad.

Hammock inspection P.M.  
Went up to the City of  
Savannah at 4 P.M. and  
moored alongside Sea Board  
dock. Had our letter from Dwy.

Bill Lynn went on 6 days leave  
funeral of his father. and I  
have charge of both offices.

Saturday - Jan 20

Busy all morning with  
routine studies. Field  
day.

Sunday - Jan. 21.

Sunday inspection. Rocks  
& shoals. Weather clear  
and pleasant. Visitors  
aboard all afternoon.

Wrote a letter to my tongue.

Tuesday -

Got underway at 7.30 am  
& stood down Savannah River  
with pilot on board.

Anchor'd in Tybee Roads for  
a few hours & got underway  
after dinner - Discharged  
pilot at Channel entrance  
& stood to northward. Went  
into Port Royal Sound & shot  
Bluefish, one. Seaman to hospital  
with typhoid fever.

Tuesday - Jan 23

Sailed from Port Royal at 7.00.  
Fog outside. Anchor'd  
off Charleston at 4.00 PM.

Wednesday, January 24

Busy with Squadron reports on Jacksonville. Paid off three men. Made up money list. Letter from Guy and answered it. This morning at 100 Am Call sounded to general quarters — only one more year.


Thursday, January 25 —  
Paid off Bullard, Quartermaster 1st class, mail orderly who was relieved by Beacom Simmons. Lynn has extension to Saturday. Pay Day — drew 2nd class money \$30, and sent \$5.00 with bank book to Milwaukie Trust Company to be balanced. Wrote a letter home.

Friday — January 26 —  
Cold drizzling rains and Cloudy —  
Admiral's inspection postponed.  
Bill Lynn returned from leave.  
Mussy and Watts inspected.  
Store Rooms, magazines and double bottoms.

Saturday - Jan. 27

Clear and cool weather.  
Had a letter from Payson  
and answered it again away  
advising him not to enlist.

Warren Hospital  
Service, St. Louis, Mo.



Read "Little  
Crane" story by  
Geo Barrell Clutchman.

Sunday - Jan. 28, 1906.  
Inspection & muster. Nothing  
doing - Wrote letters to  
Ivy and to Aunt Jo.

Monday, January 29 -  
Admiral's Inspection as anchor  
most of the day with  
fire drill, arm & away -  
landing battalion and  
fir. and vessel parties and  
inspection of ship, deck logs  
and hammocks of crew.  
A year from today I will  
be discharged from the Navy  
by expiration of enlistment.



Tuesday - Jan. 30

Coaled ship this morning.  
At 3:00 P.M. stood up the  
river to a point off the  
Southern R.R. docks, for  
the purpose of being in  
the immediate vicinity of  
small arm larger range.

Wednesday, Jan. 31

Commenced small arm  
larger practice ashore.  
Thick and foggy.

Read three good books  
beside Bravey Crow this  
last week - The Man  
on the Box, The Clausener  
and Udra. Had a long  
letter from Luz, in which  
a distant spirit seems to  
prevail. Answered it.

"Unicis Qui Patitur": An  
opposition develops in all  
these contrary moods when  
she does not know her  
mind. She conquers her  
sunderes.



Thursday - Feb. 1

Spring party ashore at  
rifle range. Routine drill.

Friday

Had letter from Inez &  
answered it, and bank  
book savings returned  
showing \$116.36 to Credit.  
Morning & evening quarters.  
Merada went out for  
inspection under way.

Saturday Feb. 3 -

Went over to target range  
for target practice -  
made following scores -  
Colts .38 (50 yds. 12 in 30)  
(15 yds. 24 in 30) (20 yds. 21 in 30.)  
Krag-Torgensen .30 Cal rifle  
200 yds. 24 in 30  
200 yds. 20 in 30. - 18-50 from  
<sup>sitting</sup>

Weather Cold and windy

Sunday - Feb. 4

Weather Clear & cool  
General transfer to  
Captain ashore - at  
Seamerville reception.

Spent afternoon playing  
the wheel & cards & cards  
committing all these  
sins on Sunday  
Somebody's prayers  
requested, even though  
the coin was counterfeit  
— paper clips.

To redeem my self wrote  
a letter to an angel  
& Confessed my sins.

The angel lives in Hailamakee  
Monday — 5<sup>th</sup>

Firing party ashore including  
my distinguished Colleagues —  
Alderman Lynne Captain  
returned aboard at 10 am.  
Routine duties.

Tuesday —  
Same old story — nothing  
new — Florida's guard duty  
Lynne made the rounds.  
Fitting up monkey drill  
twice daily on morning  
and evening quarters.  
Sokausa had inspection  
under way. Reading old letters diary.

Wednesday - Feb. 7

Finley's target practice and Nevada came up to this anchorage at 8.00 am.

Had general quarters most all morning. Collision div.

Came up to old anchorage with Texas at 3.00 P.M.

Got a letter from Ing who had just been up to Sidway & had a good time Sunday. Makes me homesick.

Thursday - Feb. 8

Cold & raining. Turned out at 2 bells - answered Hon's letter. After lunch to had general quarters and abandon ship drill. A letter from Mistress O.H.

Friday - Feb. 9 -

After early breakfast 4 bells Cleared ship for action and at 9.00 am Admiral Dickins' staff came aboard. Immediately got underway

Used stowed out of harbor.  
When off 70th minute man  
overboard & put life boat  
lowered & recovered life buoy  
and diving in 4 minutes.

Had general quarters and  
took my station in the  
Cunning Tower. Came  
in at 1230 after collision  
drill and had a bandy ship.  
Had a letter from Sidney  
& answered it.

Saturday

A letter from Payson who  
has changed his mind.  
Fells day. Wrote letters  
to Inez and Sidney.  
Went over to Art's as  
to return football gear.

Sunday - Feb. 11

Usual Sunday inspection and  
muster. Wrote a letter to  
Inez tonight. Weather  
Clear and cold. Still  
restricted to the ship.



Monday - Feb. 12 -  
Ct'd, signaling Union -  
Received signal that Squadron  
did not proceed until  
the bad weather moderates  
Had a letter from Sally  
and answered it

Tuesday, Feb. 13 -  
Weather clear & cool.  
Got all things ashore  
at 6.30 am. Got up  
anchor at 11.00 am and  
took out past Fort Sumter  
to sea in Squadron  
standing southward to  
Key West. Had the 2-4 water  
and store water 2.30 when  
ship started on a free speed  
trial in which Korauros  
distanced others 2nd second.

Wednesday - Feb. 14.  
Had 17 to 20 mi water  
with 20 km and the morning  
watch with theuddy.  
Texas engaged at 10.00.



inspection underway with  
Fisher aboard on Admiral's  
staff temporarily. At  
1.30 had life boat drill,  
at the conclusion of which  
sent life boat to Texas for  
Toy Fisher. Texas rigging ship  
Monitors proceeded in line for-  
mation - Florida right guide  
until 6.00 P.M. stopped engines  
& laid to while Hagahip stood  
off on port quarter where a  
hercules had been sighted  
and proceeded to destroy it.  
At this time monitors lay  
about 15 miles north east of  
Cape Canaveral Light House.  
Texas fired a great many  
shells at the wreck and wid-  
ely failed to destroy it. At  
8.00 P.M. Texas - 10 miles away  
signalled monitors proceed ordered  
Capt. Bartlett, to say that at once  
Full speed ahead. All night in  
monitors in column, Florida leading

Thursday - Feb. 15.

Slept in his six bells.  
At 8.00 Jupiter Inlet Light  
aboard. Passed Palm  
Beach, and the Breakers  
at 10.00 am. Weather  
clear, warm, and pleasant.  
Sea smooth. Three monitors  
in Column, Florida leading.  
Played solitaire all morning  
and part of afternoon.  
Telling stories and  
uncomfortable with blues.

Passed Pelagator Key at  
9.00 P.M. <sup>17 sat</sup>

Friday - Feb. 16.

At 2 bells was called to  
go to my station in the  
pilot house, and found when  
I got on the bridge that Key  
West lay dead ahead, and the  
monitor Column standing to  
the Entrance Channel buoy.  
Opened search light to pick up  
Channel buoy, and anchored  
off Core docks at 7.00 am.  
Key West, Florida

Coal lighters came alongside  
at 800 am. Nevada went to  
Coal dock and Arkansas  
took lighters.

Weather warm and clear.  
Coaling ship all morning.  
Wrote a letter to Liz.

Saturday 17

General Field day

Texas came in at 800 am.  
Designated Florida as guard, and  
I made morning <sup>afternoon</sup> & trips.  
Went ashore at 330 with.

Key & Tambor took bicycle &  
rode out to extreme end of island.  
Came aboard at 8.00 P.m.

Sunday 18

Inspection of Rocker Shoals.  
Wrote a letter to Liz this  
afternoon. & spent evening  
playing whist.

Monday - Feb 19.

Left Key West in Squadron  
at 900 am. Had 2-4 P.m.  
stadometer watch and  
10 to 12. Torpedo Boat & Buir



broke down on this  
watch and laid to whist  
Texas took her in tow.

~~Wednesday~~ - Feb. 20.

Had 6 to 8 morning watch.  
Set clock back one hour.  
Reading Tarrion of Harway in  
the Intermountain. Left  
the Texas and formation at  
10 o'clock, proceeding "on  
service assigned." Hulled  
off Navy Yard, Harrington at  
2 o'clock. Texas came in with  
O'Brien at 4.00 and directed  
us to proceed up to Pascagoula.  
Transferred O'Brien and got  
underway at 4.30 anchored  
off L. & N. R. R. dock. Texas  
got underway for New Orleans.  
Had 7 letters in the mail.  
News of Harway Station near Lottis.  
this indefinite.

~~Wednesday~~

Washington's Birthday Feb 22.  
Ship dressed in signal flags.



Wrote a letter to Inq. -  
one to Hudson, and home.

~~Thursday~~ Friday - Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Routine duties. Making  
arrangements for participation  
in Mardi Gras festivities.

Saturday - Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Pay Day - Drew 60.00 +  
sent 40 to the bank +  
24 to Colm for overcoat.  
Went ashore on liberty.  
Raining for part of afternoon.

Sunday

Sunday inspection. Weather  
clear warm + pleasant.  
Wrote a letter to Inq.

Monday

Mardi Gras Celebration of the  
City of Pualoa, inaugurated  
by arrival of King, Misser at  
Palapox St. Wharf where parade  
formed, including a battalion  
of men from the ship. Went  
ashore at 10 am. Met Lym  
+ took in the Royal of Bhang.  
Staid ashore tonight.

Tuesday

Came aboard at 7 am.  
Writing Copy Admiral Report  
of Inspection. Has ashore  
at 1.00 to take charge of  
gate receipts baseball game  
between us. Vicks & Florida.  
Given won 12 to 9. Both games.  
Came aboard at 8.00 P.M.  
Mardi gras in full swing  
masked parties on Palafox  
St.

Wednesday

Came down to Navy Yard  
at 9.00 am. & commenced  
coaling which was completed  
at 4.00 P.M. Elected Caterer  
of Chief Petty officers mess  
& went ashore at 4.00 P.M.  
Returned at 8.00 P.M.

No mail from my friends.  
Wrote a letter to her with  
some Mardi gras confetti - one  
doz before returning.  
Weather clear & cool. Commenced  
small army target practice.

Thursday  
Routine duties. Wrote  
letter to mother.

Friday  
Sizzling rains. Went  
ashore on duty at 3:15 &  
returned at 4:00. Nevada  
Came in & anchored &  
also torpedo boats.

Saturday - Mar. 3 -  
Texas came in at 9:00 am.  
Field day. Holding  
target practice with boat &  
fired guns eastward of barracks.

Sunday - Mar. 11.  
No mail -

Sunday inspection with  
general muster.  
Wrote a letter to Lieut.

Monday -

No mail

Routine duties. Holding  
target practice with armed  
boats crew.

Went ashore on duty at  
4:00 & returned at 5:00.  
Weather clear & pleasant



Tuesday —

No mail  
Wrote a letter to Inez.  
I could not plat telegraphic  
communication.

Wednesday - March 7 -  
Busy with small arm target  
practice forms.

A letter at last but not very  
encouraging. Wrote an answer  
in reply. Went ashore to  
get sea stores for the mess  
and found on returning to  
the ship that sailing orders  
had been annulled, & orders  
signalled to prepare for  
record target practice.

Thursday - March 8.  
Had the guard & were Captain  
Kidd's Pullage on trip.  
No mail. Routine duties.

Friday - March 9 -  
Sent a short note to Inez.  
Routine suspended and  
gun crew drilled at  
Morris Tube Practice.

Up again to day.

Saturday - March 10  
Several field day -  
Busy all day - no mail.  
Not even a letter.



Sunday - March 11 -

Rainy & cloudy. Usual  
Sunday suspension.

Wrote a letter to Inez.

Monday March 12 -

Florida has the quarrel.

A letter from mother  
informing me of Uncle

Franklin's death and  
father's trip to Toronto

Cobourg and Bequington.

No news from Liz. Sent

her a Florida football

program, and the newspaper.

Tuesday - March 13 -

U.S. Torpedo boat Porter engaged

at torpedo practice in the Bay.

Working party ashore launching

target rafts. No mail.

Wednesday - March 14

Drizzling rain all day.

Getting in spar buoys, target

gear and material. No mail.

Tug Osceola came in from

Key West to assist in target  
practice at 1 o'clock.

Wrote regular bi-weekly letter to Suz.

Thursday - March 15

Had two letters from Suz  $7/8$ ,  $7/5$ , seemingly desiring dissolution of our engagement, & spent the afternoon sending a fitting reply - 3 big <sup>sheets</sup> papers.

Friday - March 16 -

Had Charleston letter  $7/12$  a happy medium & answered it. Room for Rope. Refused permission to go ashore on duty until tomorrow morning.

Saturday St. Patrick's Day.

Went ashore to get provisions for the crew at 7 am up to the city & returned at 12 noon.

Sunday - March 18

Sunday inspection, with Rocks and shoals. The Scorpion came in with Assistant Secretary of the Navy Truman A. Newberry & official calls made by Admiral Commandant & commanding officer. Did not sail on account of heavy weather.

Wrote a letter to Inez.

Monday, March 19

Secy. "Newberry" inspecting  
navy yard, salute of  
15 guns fired in his  
honor at 1 am. Colors.  
Osceola got underway  
with target rafts at 1 P.M.  
Florida and Arkansas  
steamed out of Cape Channel  
at 5.00 P.M. Sea moderate.

Tuesday, March 20  
Anchored in St. Joseph Bay  
at 11.30 am. after crossing  
the entrance & doubling on  
Coxs. Weather clear & cold.

Wednesday - March 21  
Engaged in laying out  
target range, buoys & markers.  
Arkansas <sup>March 22</sup> went on range at  
2.00 P.M. and finished her  
secondary battery gun  
practice at 5.30 P.M.

Friday, March 23.  
The Florida got unspires  
from the Arkansas, and  
commenced record practice  
at 8.00 am. Finishing all  
secondary battery guns -  
6-pounders, and 1 pounders,  
Hotchkiss rapid fire, and  
Heavy Maxim Nordenfeldts.  
At 11.30 am the torpedo  
boat Beagle, Lieutenant  
Charles Courtney, commanding  
came alongside with despatches  
from Pensacola and Admiral  
Dickens - with mail, both  
official and otherwise.  
No mail from Luzon or  
anything but Saturday Wisconsin.  
Crew firing, secured and  
docked. At 12 o'clock the Beagle  
got underway with Steward from  
Ark + Fla. & proceeded to  
Pensacola for stores and  
mail, in obedience to orders.  
Comdr CW Bartlett Senior officer Present.



Saturday, March 24.  
General field day  
Weather clear & pleasant  
Went out in a sailing party  
with Mr. Cooney to St. Andrews,  
and returned at sunset.  
4 inch guns crews engaged  
at battery drill and sub-  
calibre target practice.

Sunday, March 25.

Turned out at 2 bells. Occochee  
alongside, with stores and mail.  
Got in my stores & received three  
letters - good news from all.  
My little trouble with Lucy seems  
to be all over with and  
both happy. Wrote an answer  
to letter from father and one  
from mother informs me  
that I have inherited a  
thousand dollars from the  
estate of my Uncle Franklin.  
I am very well pleased  
at the prospect. Wrote answer.  
Sunday inspection.

Monday - March 26

Nothing doing.

Waiting for Nevada.  
Routin work in office.  
Packed off this afternoon.

Tuesday

No signs of Nevada on  
~~circulation~~. Some hammocks.

Thursday March 29  
Nevada came in this morning  
Was on range and fired  
trial shots. Has a short  
note from Dwy & answered.  
A signal came up about  
12 P.M. which carried away  
both targets & all birds.

Friday, March 30

Heavy weather continuing  
no attempt was made to  
fire on the target range.  
Busy all day on Equipment  
navigation books.

Saturday. Still stormy.  
Busy on quarterly returns.  
Wrote a letter to Dwy -  
Read Dr. H. Dexter, finishing  
it at 12 midnight.

Wrote another letter.

Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Reverae unites.

Nevada firing on range.

Completing all batteries.

Sent aboard Nevada with  
orders and mail, and

Nevada stood out into the

gulf at 5.30 P.M. they

lost their letter to the frigate

gets away in the morn.

Monday - April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Went on the range at 6.00 A.M.

to fire 4<sup>th</sup> battery and

finished all guns at 11.30

Best score 70 shots, 6 hits

in 43 seconds. Appreciated

for the officers bladder as

was correspondent to the

gun umpire, Ensign Duesmore

the man who rose from the ranks.

Arkansas completed practice

and all ships got underway

for Pensacola after range

was dismantled, at 5.00 P.M.

Tuesday - April 30  
Auctions off Navy Yard  
at 9.30 am with Nevada,  
Arkansas and torpedo  
boats. Texas firing on  
range. Took in 150 tons  
of coal, finishing at 3.30.  
Went ashore on duty at 4  
Pais Geo. Bauer - 154.81

J. S. Bell - 49.00  
Went up to Pensacola on the  
Acconac. Returned to the  
ship via gasoline launch at 9.00

Wednesday

Had the guard. Orders to  
leave for Tortugas this P.M.  
Made 2 guard trips.

Squadron got underway  
at 4.00 P.M. Wrote a  
note to Inez. Got underway  
at 5.30. Steamed out into the

Gulf in Squadron formation,  
Texas, Arkansas, Nevada, Florida  
and I.B. O'Brien on port hand.

Had 12-2 mid watch.  
Weather clear & pleasant -  
sea moderate.



Thursday, — April 5  
Had 8 to 10 watch.

At 10.00 ships started a  
four hour endurance run  
speed trial under forced draft.  
Belfon, fireman, died from the  
effects of cramps about 7.30 P.M.  
Had 8-10 watch. Received orders  
from Admiral Siskin to proceed  
on to Key West, leaving formation,  
in order to arrange for burial.  
Worked off watch at 9.00 & had  
all night in.

Friday, April 6 -  
Squadron still in sight about  
six miles off starboard quarter.  
Weather clear, & sea smooth.  
Moved alongside dock at Dry  
Tortuga at 11 o'clock, commenced  
coaling and finished at 3.00 P.M.  
Entered Channel at Key West at  
9.00 and anchored at 10.00 P.M.  
Texas coaling ship to the tune  
of Mr. Dooley.

Saturday — April 7.  
Field Day. Belfon buried ashore -  
at 9.30 am. Ark & Tuxedo came in

Sunday - April 8, 1906.

Got underway at 6.00 am.  
& stood to the eastward  
along the Florida Keys.

Monday —

Had the 4 to 6 am watch.

At 10 o'clock left the  
team off Cape Canaveral  
& proceeded independently.  
Anchored off bell buoy off  
entrance to St. Mary's River.

Tuesday, April 10, 1906.

Took pilot aboard, got underway  
at 6.00 am & stood in, anchoring  
off Ferdinandina at 7.30 am.  
Had 2 letters from Dug,  
& answered them at once.

Setting in quarterly returns

Wednesday — Apr. 11

Painting ship. Making

preparations for sailing in  
the morning — Mot. Dug.

Thursday - April 12, 1906.

Got underway at 6.00 am  
& stood toward Naval Station  
Port Royal St, anchoring at 5 P.M.

Friday, April 13

Took on 135 tons of coal  
and sailed for Charleston  
at 10.00 am., anchoring  
with the Texa. at 6.30 pm.  
Had a letter from Elber.  
Wrote a letter to Inez.

Saturday  
Fiesta day. Liberty Party  
break ashore at 1.00 pm.  
Received signal this evening  
that Admiral Dickens would  
have down his flag as  
Commander of Coast Squadron  
on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst.  
Sunday — Easter  
April 15 —

Usual Sunday Inspection.  
Wrote letters to Cousin Albert  
and Inez.

Went to the Citadel Square Baptist  
Church & attended evening service.  
Staid at the Argyle.

Monday —

General duties. Making prep-  
arations for dismanning Squadron.

Tuesday - April 17

Making reports preparatory  
to disbanding Coast Squadron.  
Admiral Dickins hauling down  
his flag as Cap. on Apr. 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Recd letter from Quez which  
answered right away.

Friday

Making preparations for  
leaving tomorrow -  
Admiral Dickins issued  
the following order.

### COAST SQUADRON

### UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET.

SQUADRON  
GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 4.

U. S. FLAGSHIP TEXAS,  
CHARLESTON, S. C.,  
APRIL 20, 1906.

In accordance with an order from the Navy Department,  
dated April 12, 1906, upon the hauling down of my flag at  
Charleston, South Carolina, on the 21st instant, the Coast  
Squadron of the United States Atlantic Fleet is abolished.

I avail myself of this opportunity to thank the officers  
and enlisted men, attached to the vessels of the Squadron  
under my command, for their co-operation in maintaining  
general efficiency, and to wish them one and all a happy and  
prosperous career.

F. W. DICKINS,  
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy,  
Commander of Coast Squadron,  
United States Atlantic Fleet.



Wrote letter to Conine.  
Saturday - April 21, 1906.

At 1.00 pm got under way &  
steamed out of Charleston  
harbor, passing Flag ship  
Texas gave Rear Admiral's  
salute <sup>(3 guns)</sup> to Admiral Dickins  
which was answered by  
seven guns, Crew & officers  
exchanging cheers and  
signals made by international  
code - "Wish you a pleasant  
voyage" answered by "Thank  
you". All monitors stood  
out in column Florida  
leading. Texas hauled down  
flag of Admiral Dickins  
disbanding Coast Squadron.  
Sunday -

Steaming 10 knots - monitors  
in column Florida leading.  
Fixing up my files.  
Read over a big bunch  
of letters & destroyed a  
great many of them which  
were "consigned to the deep."

Monday - April 23 -  
Steaming all day - with  
herado - Into Delaware Bay.  
Heavy gale blowing from  
north-west. Anchored at  
6.30 pm off Ship John  
Shoals Lighthouse.

Wrote a letter to Dug.

Tuesday - April 24 -  
Got underway and stood  
up the river - at 600 am.  
Arrived at yard at 11 am.  
& moved ship in ship  
opposite Rt Lancaster.

Wednesday -

Pay Day - Went ashore  
at 4 P.m. Sent \$20 to the  
bank & 10 to Coker. Recd  
new serge uniform & blue cap.  
Took in the Yankee Circus on  
Mars at the Grand Opera  
House with Abbey. Staid  
at the New Central Hotel.  
Captain Bartlett went  
on 12 days leave.

Thursday - Apr. 26

Returned to the ship at 7.  
23 men went on board  
Lynn went on 2 days  
leaving me in charge of  
all executive work.

Had a letter from Inez  
Wrote 2 letters to her

Friday —

Went ashore to get her a  
pair of monogrammed gloves  
elbow length - size  $6\frac{3}{4}$  (N.B.)

After supper saw Tom Dixon's  
strong drama "The Clausman."  
Wrote Inez a letter.

Saturday

Went ashore at 1 pm & took  
in 13th Annual Relay Races  
& games of Penn. University.  
Michigan showed up strong.  
Took in Rosalie - a new  
operetta by Charles Spencer.

Sunday - April 29 -

3d anniversary - very pleasant  
sunshiny day. Had muster &  
usual quarters. Wrote a letter  
to Inez. Back in my home  
once more. Mr. Peave resigned.

Monday - Apr. 30

Relected cater. 800 mess.  
Nothing doing except routine  
work.

Tuesday - May 1 -

Went ashore on duty at 3 pm.  
to get mess provisions. Took  
in Keiths vaudeville.

Wednesday -

Turned to scrubbed paint work  
and painted the office.

Thursday May 3

Most of the gobs return today  
including my worthy colleague  
Lynn - relieving me of some of  
my hard work. Went ashore  
on duty at 4.00 pm. with Alvin  
Sandquist. Took in Dringham  
at the Broad Street in  
"The Playman". Splendid  
Western Drama of Arizona.

Friday - May 4

A letter from Inez pleases  
me very much. Discovered  
it right away. Saw Temple  
Dinner at the Parks. Beautiful show.  
Returned at 11 - with Lynn.



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Saturday - May 5

Slept day. Went ashore at 1 pm. Had a sitting for a photo. at Broadbents, Chestnut Street. Spent afternoon at the Public Library. Went to the Casino in the evening & returned to the ship.

Sunday - May 6 -  
No inspection. Moses in command. Visited. Corked off all pm. Rained all afternoon.

Monday -

Read The House of a Thousand Candles, & wrote several letters.

Tuesday - May 8.

Captain Bartlett returned aboard. Recd letters from Lucy, Sidney & Aunt Josephine & answered them tonight. The Brooklyn came in and moored alongside dock opposite the Florida. Went over to see Harry Johnson on the Brooklyn, which was giving a show. Admiral Sigbee & Captain Hager were present.

Brooklyn is going in reserve.

Wednesday - May 9

Went ashore at 2 pm to  
see about pictures, cards,  
etc. & returned at 4.30.

Thursday - May 10 -

Clear and cool - Admiral  
Sigbee hauled down his flag  
and left the Brooklyn at  
8 pm. 40 salutes fired.  
Saw a queer show on foot tonight.

Saturday - May 12

Pay Clerk Ebel reported on  
board for duty & turn the  
office over. Went ashore  
at 4.00 pm. - turned in  
at the Central.

Sunday - May 13

Sunday inspection by gun on  
48 hrs. Went ashore with  
Jamblee at 1.00 pm - out  
to Washington Park, New  
Jersey - & then took a  
trolley ride of 15 miles  
over a beautiful Country  
suburban route to  
Willow Grove Park. Returned  
to the ship at 9.00 pm.

Tuesday —

May 22 —

Made all preparations  
for leaving in the morning,  
+ shoved off into the  
Delaware River + anchored.

Wednesday — May 23

Got under way at two am  
+ steamed down the River.

Thursday — May 24

Standing up Chesapeake  
Bay — Weather warm and  
pleasant. Sea smooth.

Anchored in Severn River  
off Naval Academy, Annapolis.  
at 4.00 pm. Went ashore duty.

Friday — Making preparations  
for the Widdy Cruise.

Saturday — May 26 —

Have the grip and get some  
clope from the Doctor.

Went ashore to see  
baseball game between  
Military Academy and  
Naval Academy.

For West Point 8 Navy 5.  
Stayed ashore for a sleeper.

Sunday May 27  
 Returns to the ship  
 at 7.00 am. Raining.  
 Quarters for musters and  
 inspection. Wrote a letter  
 to Luz.



George W. Jones, Annapolis, Md.  
 U. S. S. MONITOR FLORIDA AT ANNAPOLIS, MD.

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday  
 Routine general duties



Wednesday — May 30.

Decoration day. Flag half-masted  
and 21 minute guns fired at  
12 noon. Went ashore  
at 1.00 pm. Paid Grocers bill.  
and left for Washington at 3.45.  
Arrived at 5 pm. Staid at the  
Syon Hotel.

Thursday - May 31

Started out at 9.00 after breakfast  
at Perrotis, and saw engravers  
and printers about bids and  
estimates for "Tales of a Cruise".

Went up to the Mail Building in the  
afternoon to see Captain Fremont, who  
is now member of the Board of  
Inspection and Survey, and had  
quite a pleasant talk. Left Washington  
at 4.45, and arrived in Annapolis  
at 6.30, so I wore out on that boat.  
Returned to the ship at 8 pm.

Remained as caterer Cpo. mess.

Sunday — June 3rd —

Eng's birthday. Sent her a gold bell  
brace and 23 roses by Smith.  
Sunday Inspection —

Wednesday - June 6.

Went down to Washington at  
3.45 pm. Went to Cherry Chase  
to hear the Marine Band.  
Turned in at Syon's.

Thursday - June 7

Let contracts for printing and  
engraving Tails of a cruise  
to St. Howard & Maurice Joyce.  
Spent an hour each in the  
House of Representatives and  
Senate this pm. Spent arguing  
on a deficiency appropriation  
and the Senate discussing the  
railway rate bill.

Returned to Annapolis at 7 pm.  
Captain Bartlett in Washington  
for examination for promotion  
returned on same train.

Can't give liberty ashore.

June 8 - Uniform White.

4-10-11-12 Himmapholis  
Cleveland Sea Marine & Seamen  
in the Roads with Herg.  
all ships preparing for  
cruise. Future West Academy.

June 13

Received tey draft for  
\$948.80 from Elstuycke  
Solicitor, Cobourg, in  
full settlement for legacy  
of Franklin Stone (deceased)

Recd draft of \$50 from  
Trust Company & paid  
Paymaster for Quater loan

June 14 Thurs

Lieut Comd fr River, Lieut  
Stone, Leaven & Morris reported  
on board for duty - relieving  
Lt Comd Patton, Lieut Reynolds  
& Ensigns. Waiting for Coas.

June 15 -

Coaling ship. 156 tons.

Saturday June 16 -

Went ashore at 1.30. Took 3.20  
train for Baltimore. Went  
out around City Hall & P O  
& took a walk out to Vernon  
Place & Washington monument.  
Took a ride out to Electric Park,  
had supper & returned to City.  
Came back to Annapolis 11.30.



Sunday June 17

Rocks & Shoals —

Midshipmen aboard.  
Wrote letter to Aunt Fanny  
and Jaz.

Monday 6/18.

Put all mail ashore at 11.30

at 1.30 pm got underway  
steamed out into Chesapeake.

Boys & made course to  
the southward. Steaming  
in Squadron Newport

Arkansas and Florida.

Midshipmen standing watch  
with stadimeter. Anchored  
off Solomon's, Patuxent River  
at 6.30 pm. 3 yeoman commissions.

Tuesday —

Guard duty — devolves upon  
the middies. Drills and  
exercising. No mail.

Wednesday —

Fire & collision drills.

Crew over the cross trees is  
senior officer & present.  
leobocoreses



Friday - June 23 -

Got up anchor at 600 am  
+ stood out into Chesapeake  
Bay from Patuxent +  
Solomon's Island

Weather Clear + Pleasant

At 3.30 Steading in Hampton

Roads. Battleship Rhode Island  
at anchor off Fortres Monroe.  
Band played Old Spangled Banner,  
+ crew manned the rails as squadron  
passed on the starboard head.

Unchored off Newport News at 4.15 pm  
just as the ship was anchoring  
+ while backing the starboard  
engine full speed - engine raced  
so that it was stopped + upon  
investigation by a diver found  
that propeller + shaft just abaft  
the stern had been lost overboard.

June 25 -

Pay Day. Sent Cash \$10.00  
Went into ship at H. H. S B & S Co.  
ship yard preparatory to docking.  
Went ashore at 6.00 - with Mackenzie  
Went to Piney Beach + hospital.

June 26

Came over in Cro Ste Virginia  
Returned to ship at 8.00 am.

Ship went into dry dock.  
Iron shaft removed & tube  
planked up.

June 28-

Ship taken out of dock.

June 30-

Went to Ocean view of ship  
afternoon & evening.

Deposited \$800 in Citizens  
& Marine Bank, Newport News.

July 4, 1906.

Work as miserable a Fourth  
as I ever experienced. No  
work from Sun, rained all  
afternoon, and I am  
restricted to the ship for  
one week for absence over  
liberty 1 hour. Ship moved  
to the dock at Newport News

Shipbuilding Company plant.  
Had a letter from Payson  
Oklahoma City & answered it.

July 5-

Had a letter from Sun this  
morning & answered right away.  
Ship went in dry dock this  
evening.

July 7 - Saturday

Space propellers & blades  
from League Island placed  
on line shaft. Stacks saw  
& painted batters painted  
with Williams composition.  
Came out of dock p.m.  
Anchored in stream.

July 9 - Monday.

Coaling ship in a driving  
rain. Preparations for  
leaving port. Returned  
corrected proofs to Howard  
Printing Co. Got underway  
at 3.30 pm. Flood out to  
Syracuse Bay rendezvous  
anchored with Arkansas.  
Newark came out at 5.30  
& up anchor took position  
in column steamed out of  
Virginia. Cape course N.E.  
U.S. Virginia anchored, Cape Henry.

July 11 - Wednesday  
Anchored off Orient Point,  
Gardiners Bay, Long Island, N.Y.  
at 2. pm.

July 13 —

Got underway at 10.30  
& stood across Long  
Island Sound, and  
anchored off the  
Regent House, New London,  
at 1.30 pm.

Had 6 letters —

Recd S & R emblem.

July 15 - Sunday —  
Rocks & shoals.

Went ashore with gunner.  
Hired a rig and went  
out toward Colechester and  
Norwich. Staid at the  
Mountain Hotel.

July 16 - Monday

Got underway & cruised  
in Long Island Sound.  
Anchored off Orient Point  
at 4.00 pm.

July 20 - Friday.

Got up anchor & stood  
into New London. Battleships  
Virginia and New Jersey at  
anchor off Orient Point.



Anchored off Piquet 11.30 am.

Saturday July 21 -

Waiting for Capt Chambers  
to arrive.

Left Jambor paid off  
Weather cloudy & foggy.

Went ashore & made  
a liberty with Jambor  
and others -

Returned to the ship at  
8 am Sunday morning.

Bye bye  
on the  
Piquet  
wharf.

Johnny paid  
off. So we  
lose 2

"Reg rollers"  
2-inch gun

Taken the board  
showing "Kauai"  
Sunday's - & a

Got underway at 10.00 am

Stove out into Fisher Island  
Sound. Anchored off Newport

at P.M. Went ashore -  
visited J. Buenzle Apo and  
editor of The Bluejacket.  
Staid at the Perry House.

Monday  
Midshipman visit Inpedo  
Station.

Tuesday  
Cloudy - heavy fog.

Wednesday July 23.  
Got up anchor at  
7.00 am stood out  
of Narragansett Bay  
Anchored off New London  
at 10.30 am.

Friday July 27  
Comma<sup>nd</sup>er Washington Irving Chambers  
came aboard & relieved Captain  
Bartlett in command at 10.00 am.  
Smyth & others leave.

Wednesday August 1  
Went up for examination  
for permanent appointment  
as Chief Yeoman on USS Newark.  
Lieutenants Lincoln, Jeffers & Riddle.  
Ships sailing belayed.

August Tues  
Went to Gardiners Bay  
Anchored off New Point at 12 noon.

### ATHLETICS..

The resignation of Carl E. Dreutzer of  
Geon Bay, Wis., was received by the  
department at Annapolis yester-  
and accepted. This will be a serious  
to navy athletics, as Dreutzer was  
of the star athletes of the academy.  
went in for nearly every branch.

rightfully belongs to him, upon whom the  
state must depend for protection and pres-  
ervation, is broken down for all time. It has  
been well said that:

**La Follette Was Humane.**

"It is a curious fact which psychology  
explains, that the men who will suffer most  
anything rather than become paupers,  
are often the ones who never care to  
do anything else when once they have be-  
come paupers.



Aug 4 - Saturday -

Returned to New London.  
Recd note from Inez stating  
all is ok.

Went ashore at 2.30 under  
Monday - took Kniekerbocker  
limited to Providence - went  
out to Roy's & staid till  
8pm Sunday night - a very  
pleasant visit though the day  
was a scorcher. Returned  
to New London Federal Express  
at 10.45 & stopped at the  
Whitrop overnight. Returned  
by the ship at 7 am Aug 6.  
Dayson is 21 today.

Went to Gardner's Bay from  
Newark Arkansas to Newpor.

Thursday - Aug 9 -

Proceeded to New London  
up Thames River to Naval  
Station and took on 260  
tons of coal.

Worked off at 6.30pm.  
Recd letters from Dad  
& Inez & uncovered hers.  
anchored off Peguon 11.30

Thursday - Aug. 16 / 06.

Newark, Arkansas and Florida  
sailed from New London  
at 5.00 am.

At 4.40 fire broke out on  
USS. Dolphin - Florida had  
3 boats lowered & to the rescue  
at 4.45. Fire extinguished.

Friday - Aug. 17 - 06.

Anchored in Chesapeake Bay  
off York Spit. Fight at 8 pm.

Saturday Aug 18 -

At 6.00 am got underway  
& for up Potomac River.

Fires day - Wrote a  
letter to Inez. Moved  
ship alongside dock at  
Washington Navy Yard  
at 6.00 pm.

Midshipmen visit Gun  
Factory.

Sunday - Aug. 21

Reed permanent appointment  
as Chief Yeoman.

Ship left Navy Yard for  
Pudian Head at 9.30 am.

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anchored off the  
Naval Proving Grounds  
Indian Head - at 12.00 m.

Wednesday - Aug. 22

Left Indian Head at 6 am  
stood down Potomac River  
- anchored with Squadron in  
Patuxent at 3.00 pm.

Recd orders to join the  
Provisional Division for  
President's Review Sept. 30.  
Painting ship white and  
spar color.

Thursday - Aug 23  
Left Solomons at  
2.00 pm proceeded to  
Annapolis & anchored  
out off Naval Academy.

Friday Aug 24

A very day - transferred  
all midshipmen ashore.

Dr Elliott & Dr. Leonard Reid  
detached - Dr Graham

& Dr Eden reporting.  
Had 3 letters from day  
answered them. Recd 2<sup>nd</sup>  
of sugar & m<sup>o</sup> negro from Ft.

Saturday August 25

Got underway at 11 am for  
Newport News.

Pay Day - Saw \$57.00.

Sunday morning Aug. 26.

Got underway at 5 am. Leaving  
anchored off Rappahannock  
at 8 pm. - Anchored

off Shipyard Newport  
News at 9 pm. Captain  
sent me ashore to see about  
delivery of coal in the  
morning. Went ashore with  
Mac far. Went to old town  
and Ocean View, Norfolk &  
back to Newport News.

Monday - Aug. 27

Coaling ship. Took on  
300 tons Eureka Coal.

Wednesday Aug. 29.

Got underway at 600 am  
stood out to sea by  
Hampton Road.

Answering neglected  
Correspondence.

Thursday August 30

anchored off Tompkinsville, Staten  
Island, New York, at 8.00 a.m.

Des Moines, Comdr. Bice Halsey, Sop  
Tuloma, Mayflower & Dolphin  
at anchor. Sent mail orderly  
ashore. Take & receive mail.

Got underway at 11.30 stood up  
New York Harbor past Statue of  
Liberty, Foreman's Island & up East  
River - New York. Fired salute  
18 guns - Admiral Coghlan. Hancock's.  
Passed through Hell Gate &  
stood up Long Island Sound -  
anchoring in Huntington Bay, L.I.  
at 3.45 with 5<sup>th</sup> Division

Friday, Aug. 31 -

Went ashore on duty at 2 pm  
Making preparations for Review.

Saturday - Sept 1

Went ashore to get provisions  
for the week.

Sunday - Sept 2

Got up anchor at 9.00 A.M.  
stood down to Oyster Bay &  
anchored with Atlantic Fleet.



Monday - September 3  
Labor Day -

At 8.00 am ships full dress.  
10.45 President Roosevelt  
embarked on Mayflower at  
Oyster Bay, arrived at  
the head of the column  
at 11.00 am stood through  
the fleet & was saluted with  
21 guns, the rail was  
manned & all honors  
given. Mayflower anchored  
& Commander in Chief & Squadron  
Division & commanding officers  
visited Mayflower where luncheon  
was served at 1.00 pm.

Captain returns at 2.30.  
Then President visited Maine  
Alabama, Old Virginia.  
Ships illuminated at night.  
Long Island Sound covered  
with thousands of yachts  
Excursion steamers and  
sight seers of all description.  
Saratoga is guard ship 6th Div.



Long Island Sound

PICKET & PATROL BOATS

ALBATROSS  
NAVY  
BATTLE SHIPS  
BATTLE  
SHIPS  
ARMORED CRUISERS  
CRUISERS  
FLORIAN

Day & Week  
BAY  
NAVY FLOWER

Long Island

Long Island  
Navy

Sept 4, 1906.

Got underway at 6 am  
stove down & resumed  
to Mount St.

All except 1st & 2nd Div.  
got underway & left  
Oyster Bay.

Anchored Hampton Roads  
at 7:00 pm. Sept. 5, 1906.

Sept 6 Wednesday  
stove down to Newport News  
took on 200 tons coal  
and got underway for  
Annapolis, anchoring at  
9:00 pm off Rappahannock.

Thursday Sept. 7.  
Got underway at 6:00 am  
& stove toward Annapolis.  
Moved to buoy off Naval  
Academy at 3 pm.

Put ashore on duty.  
Recd orders transferring 130  
men to USRS Franklin.  
Sept 8 - Got underway at 4:00 pm  
with 150 men from Detugas  
& Severn for Norfolk.

Monday - Sept. 9, 1906.

Assigned in stream opposite  
asks Franklin, Norfolk  
Navy Yard.

Transferred to Franklin  
with rest of the draft.

Tuesday - Sept. 18, 1906.

Transferred to Naval  
Recruiting Station at  
Hoburg, Va. Left  
Norfolk via U. S. S. Steam  
boat at 6:00 p.m.

Arrived Washington at 10 a.m.

Wednesday - Sept. 19 -

Left Washington at 11:00 a.m.

Arrived at  
Hoburg, Va. at 7:45 p.m.

Reported at Naval Recruiting  
Station 417 4th Ave for duty.

October 1 -

Moved out to Crouse's  
361 Penn Ave - to room  
with J. Crouse, Seaman.

Oct. 8 - Cyco. Keifner paid  
off & I have full swing.



October

Joined the Y.M.C.A. -  
Went to several  
theatres.

Met Geo Murphy an  
old schoolmate - on  
Fifth Avenue one day,  
but the meeting is not  
likely to result in  
any particular pleasure  
for either of us.

November

Still doing business.  
Frequent letters from Dan  
makes my I & A butt  
seem a long time.  
Went to see Haskett  
in "The Walls of Jericho".  
my account of the  
Fidelity Trust Co  
does not seem to  
be gaining to any  
great extent, though  
I have deposited  
\$275 since Oct 1st



December

On the 29th left on  
6 days leave - & spent  
Christmas and the  
rest of the week at  
Hornell, New York, with  
Aunt Josephine and  
Uncle Ben.

Dec. 29 -

Returned to work and  
had a big day's  
business, getting 10  
men.

Dec. 31, 06 -

Got 6 men still doing  
business -

Went to the Grand  
Tavern with McCaffery.

Staid up to hear

"The Bell" -

1907 - 29 days to do.

January 29<sup>th</sup> - met Aunt  
Jo at the Pittsburg and  
Lake Erie depot. This  
is Carnation day - for  
the martyrs president McKinley.  
Said off and said good  
bye to Captain Harlow  
The following is a clipping  
from the Pittsburg Gazette  
Times of January 29, 1907.

## HOUSE LEAVES NAVY WITH SPLENDID RECORD

Milwaukee Boy Who Rose from Private  
to Chief Yeoman Quits to Enter  
Business.

Chief Yeoman Charles F. House, who has been attached to the United States navy recruiting station at 417 Fourth avenue for the past three months, yesterday completed his four-year term of enlistment and left for his former home in Milwaukee, where he goes to take a position in the advertising department of a newspaper. Yeoman House is held up by Commander Harlow as an example of what the navy offers to a young man. Four years ago House enlisted as a landsman at a monthly wage of \$16. He did not spend his time in idleness, but by study and an aptitude for the work he advanced until at the close of his enlistment he was drawing \$70 per month. Nearly all of his living expenses were paid during his term and he leaves the navy with over \$1,000 in cash and the hearty well wishes of all those with whom he has come in contact. Chief Yeoman Daniel Carroll, another attache of the local station, also leaves the latter part of the week for Oklahoma City, where he will have charge of a recruiting party. He is another young man who is steadily advancing in the service. He has been a valuable man in the local station.

Had a  
little party  
at Crouses -  
Left the  
house at  
9.00 p.m.  
and we  
caught the  
Pennsylvania  
Limited  
for Chicago.  
Arrived in  
Chicago at

10am January 30, 1907.

Went up to see Inez at  
1.30 P.M.

On March 13th received  
an appointment as Clerk  
in the office of the  
Commandant, at \$10.00  
per annum. N. Hig. Sta. Gr. Lakes.

Reported for duty Mch. 18.  
North Chicago, Ill.

Went to the home of Mr. Harratt  
sub-Inspector to room.

Made several trips  
to Milwaukee (for  
obvious reasons.)

Went to Milwaukee on  
April 9th

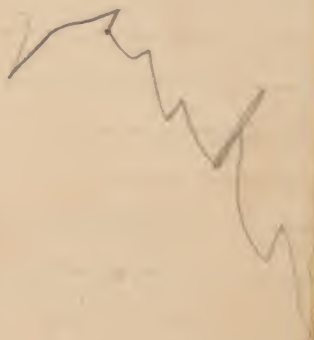
On April 10th 1907 - married  
Miss C. Cuda. at 7.30 p.m.

left for Chicago on a  
honeymoon trip at 9.00  
p.m. Returned to Waukegan  
on the 11th April - roomed  
at Harratt's until April 29th  
when we started housekeeping  
at 218 Fourth St. (Hereafter  
this is a closed book.)

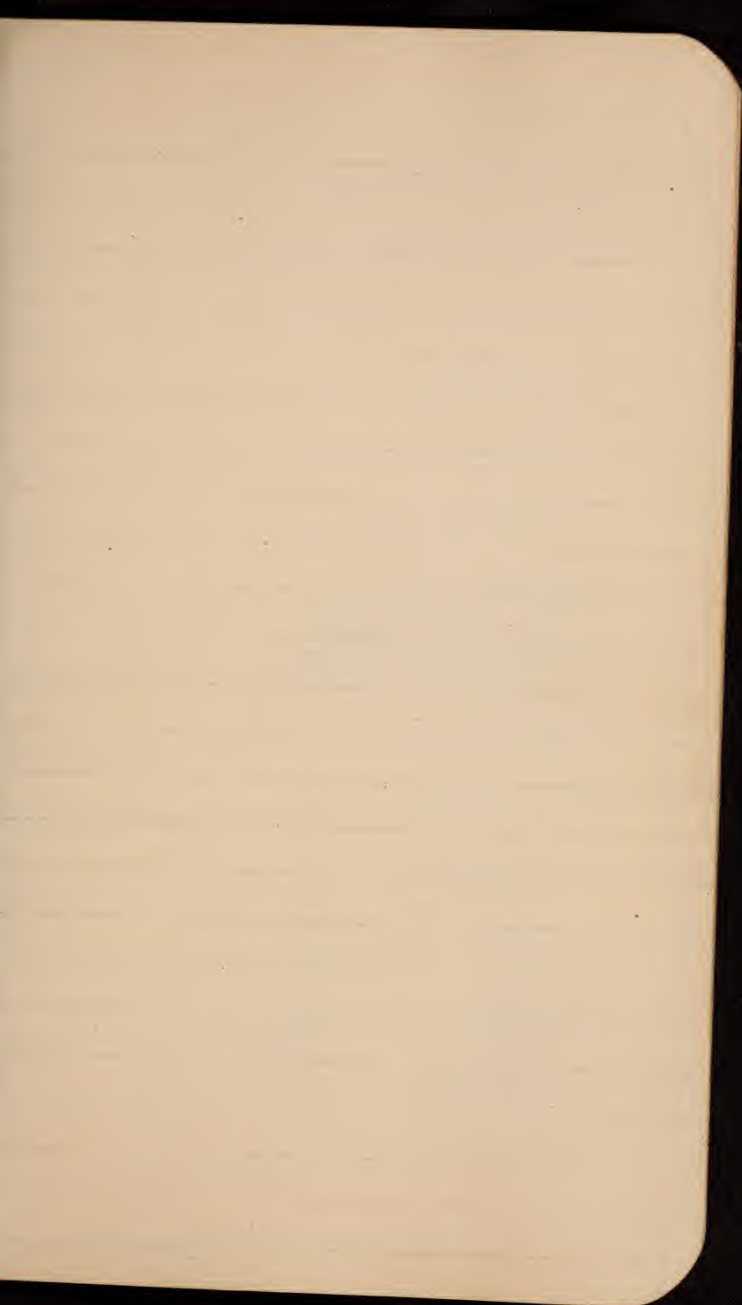
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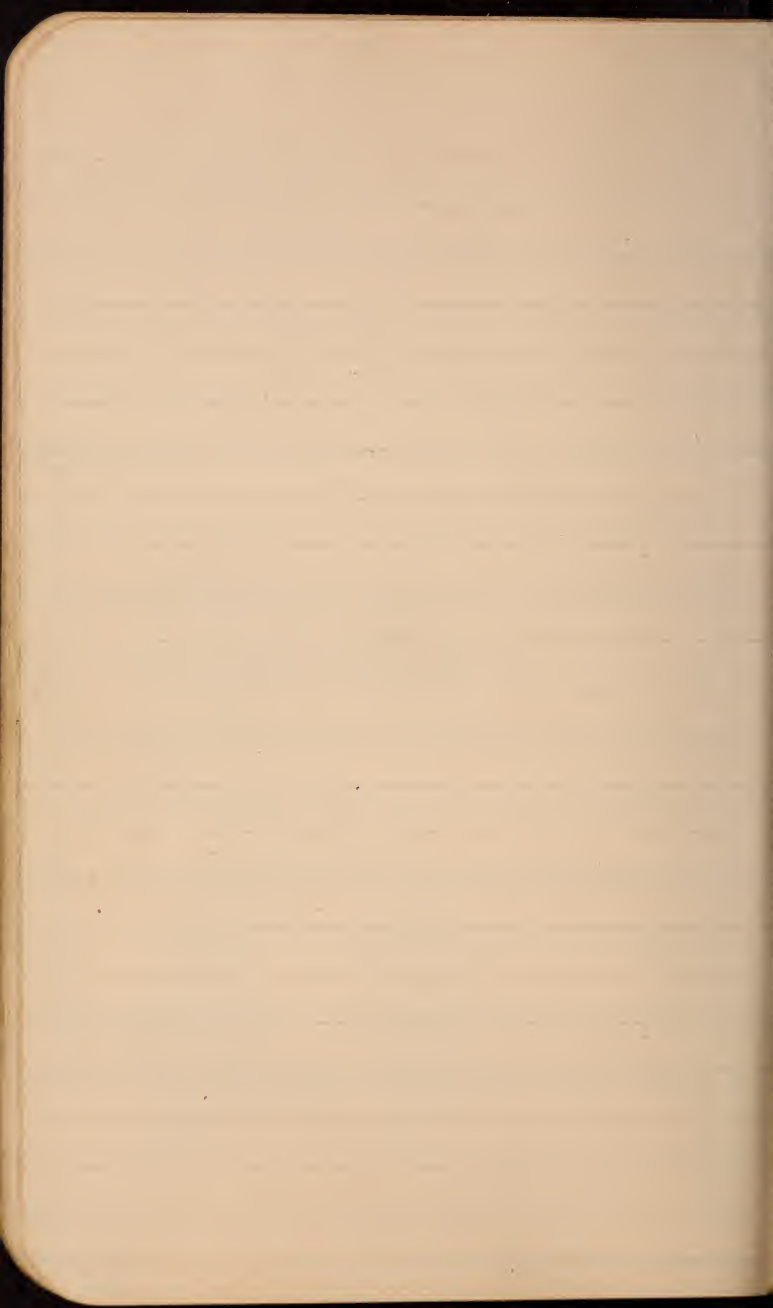


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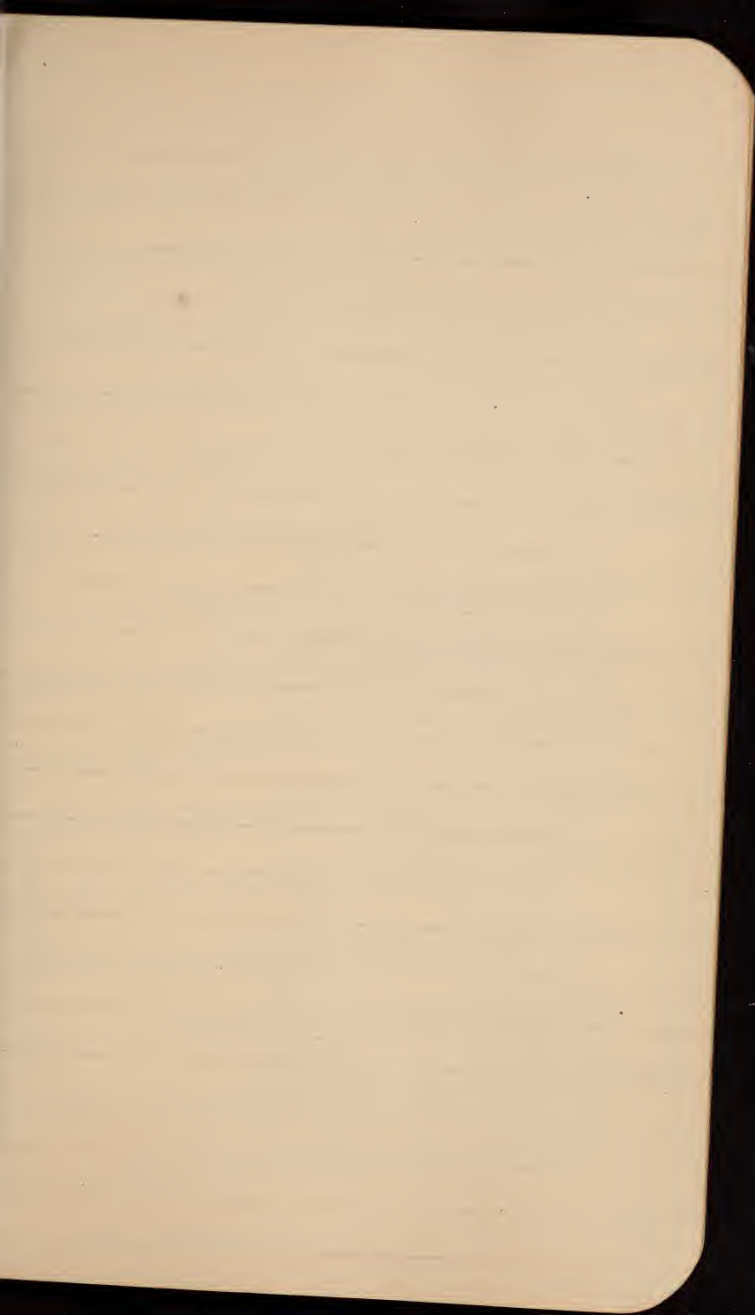




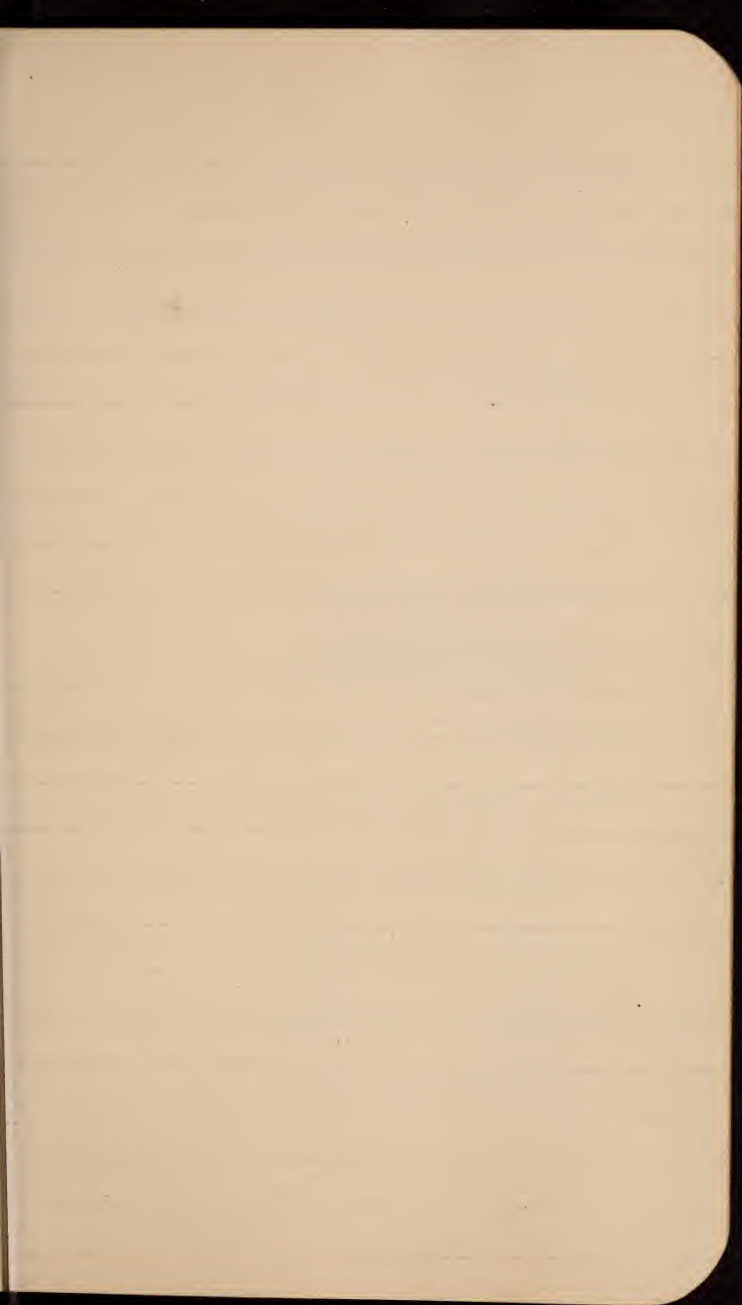


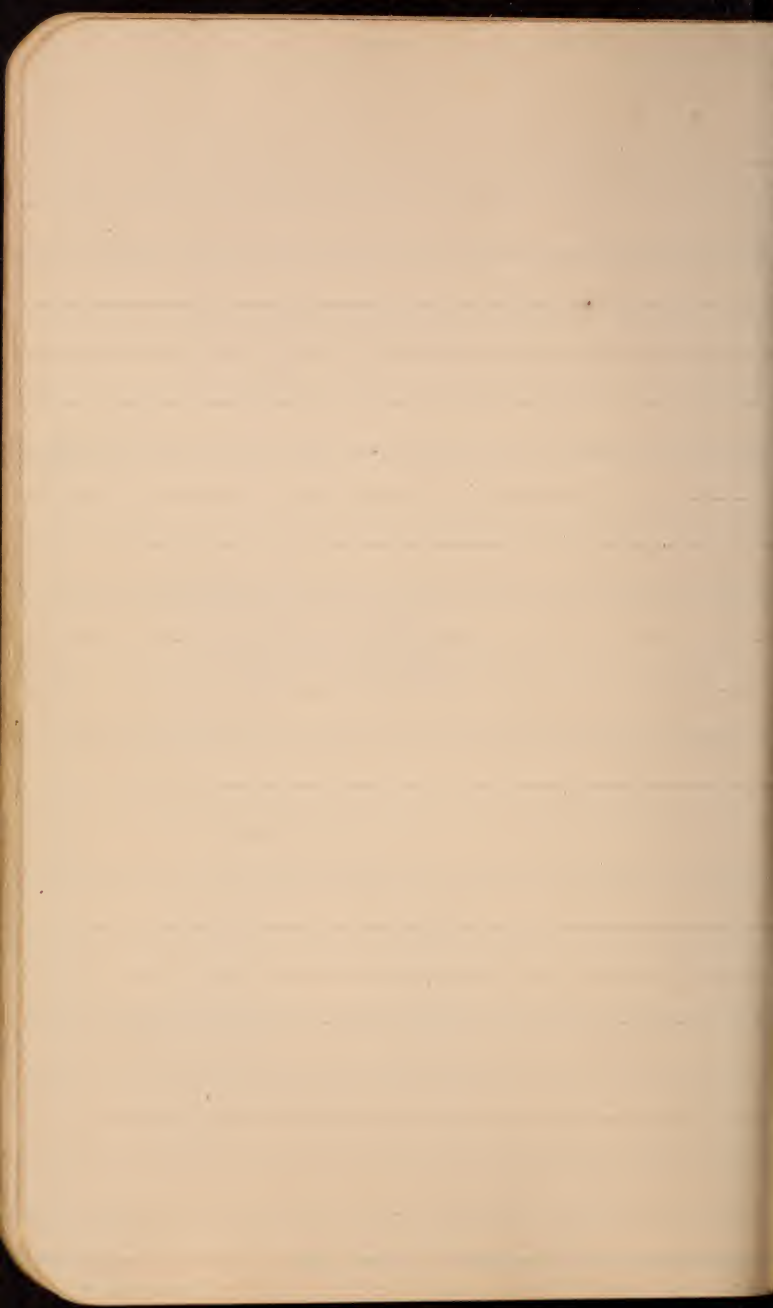




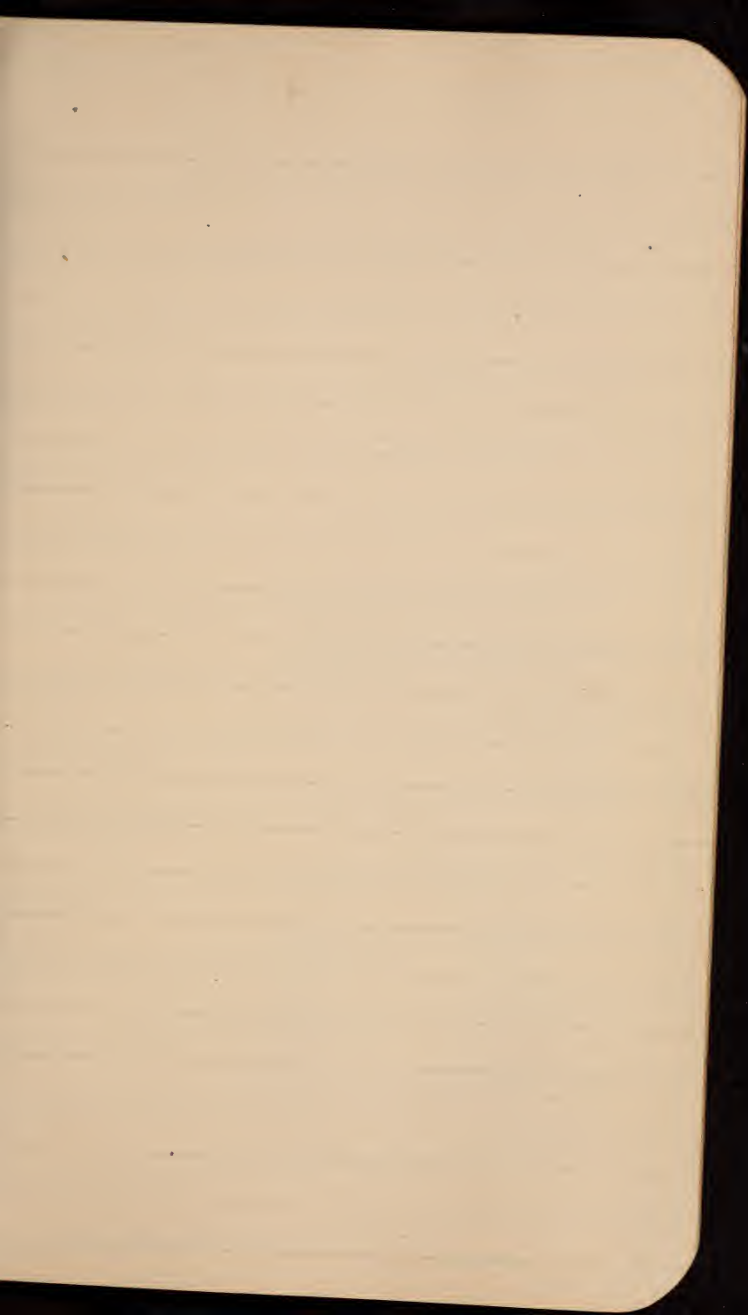


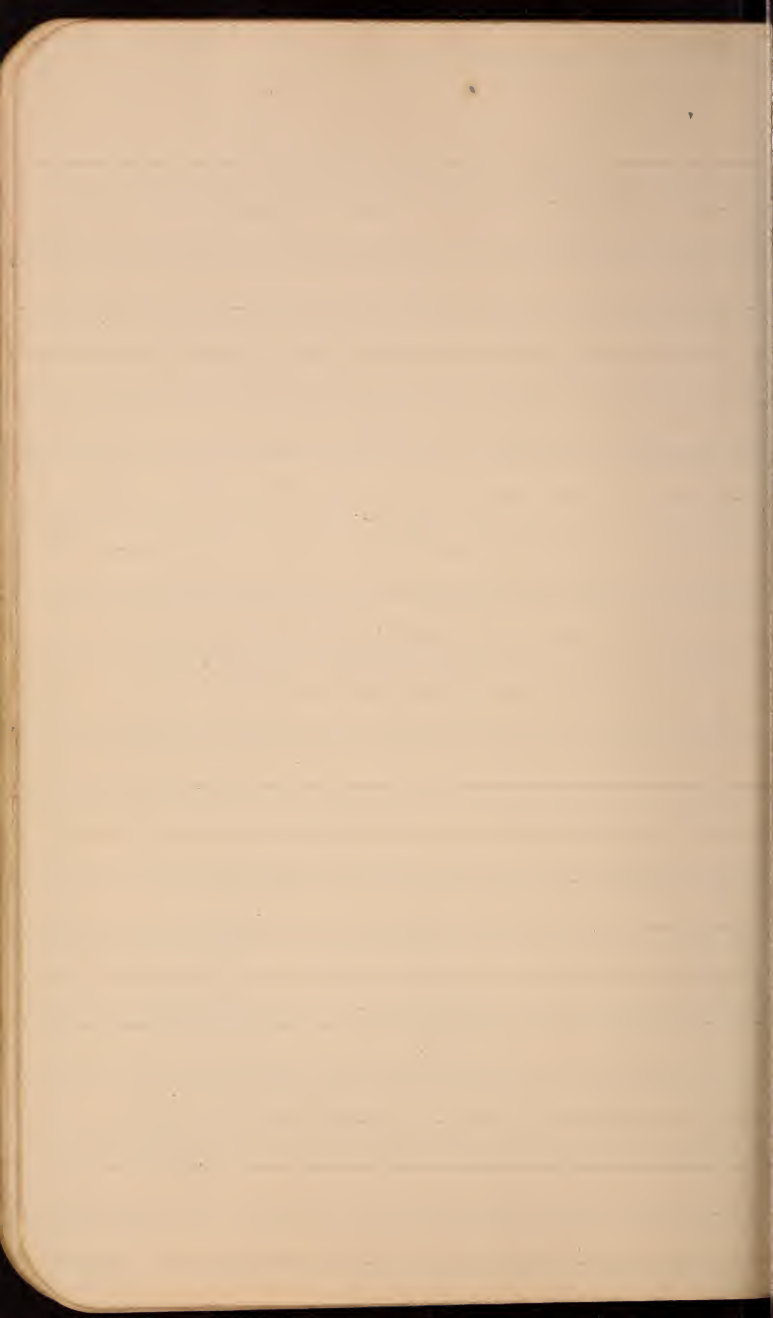


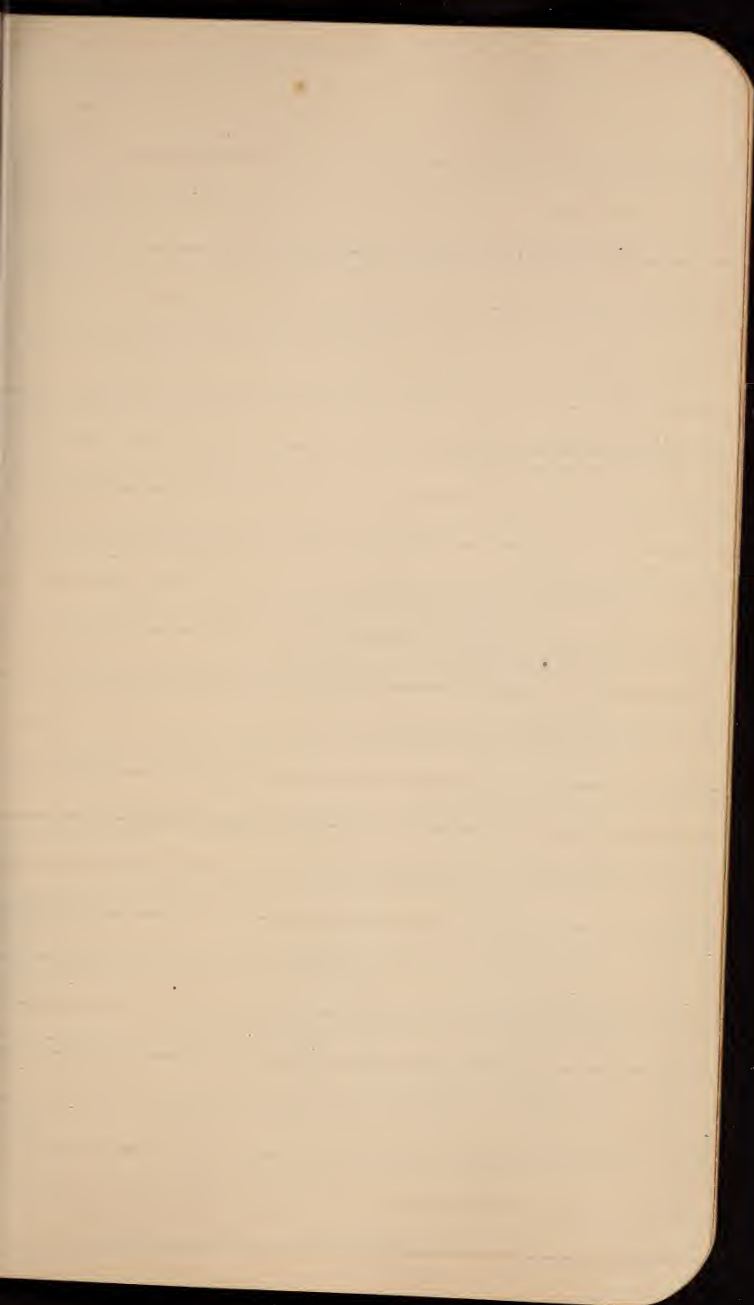






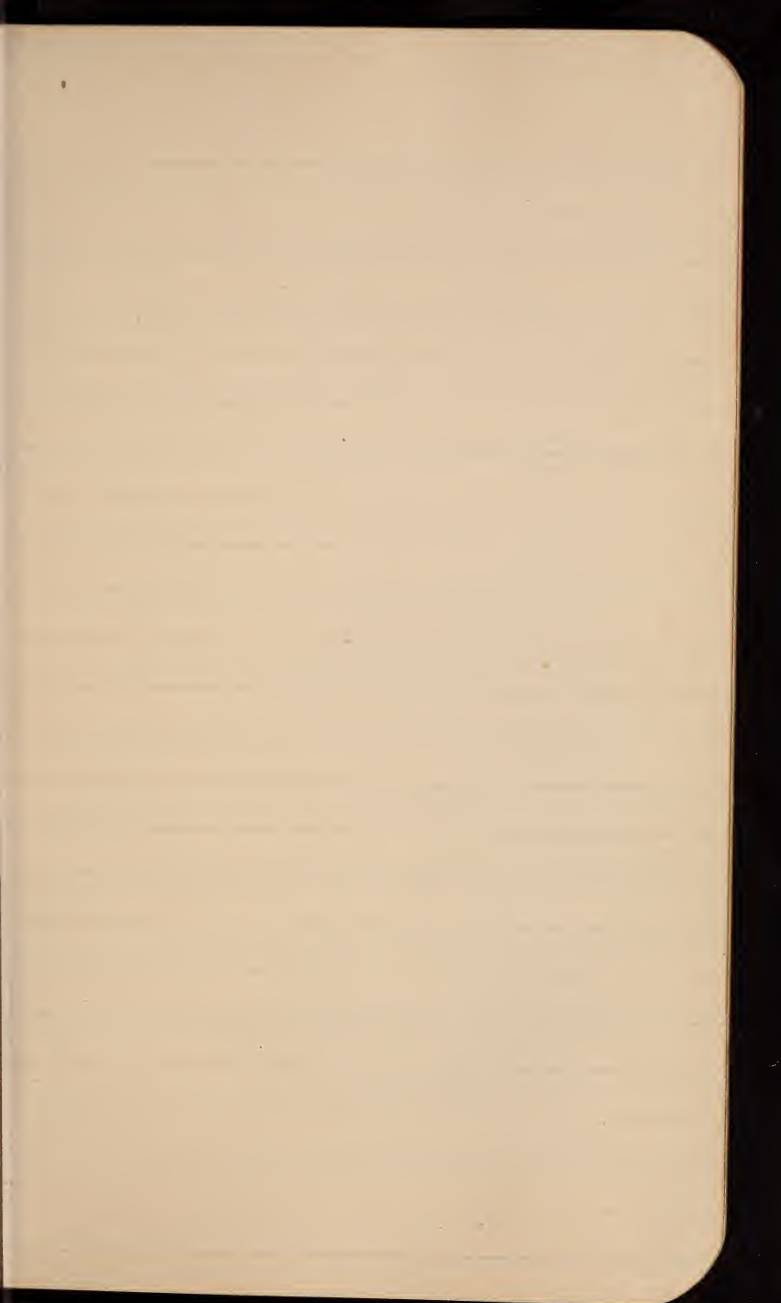


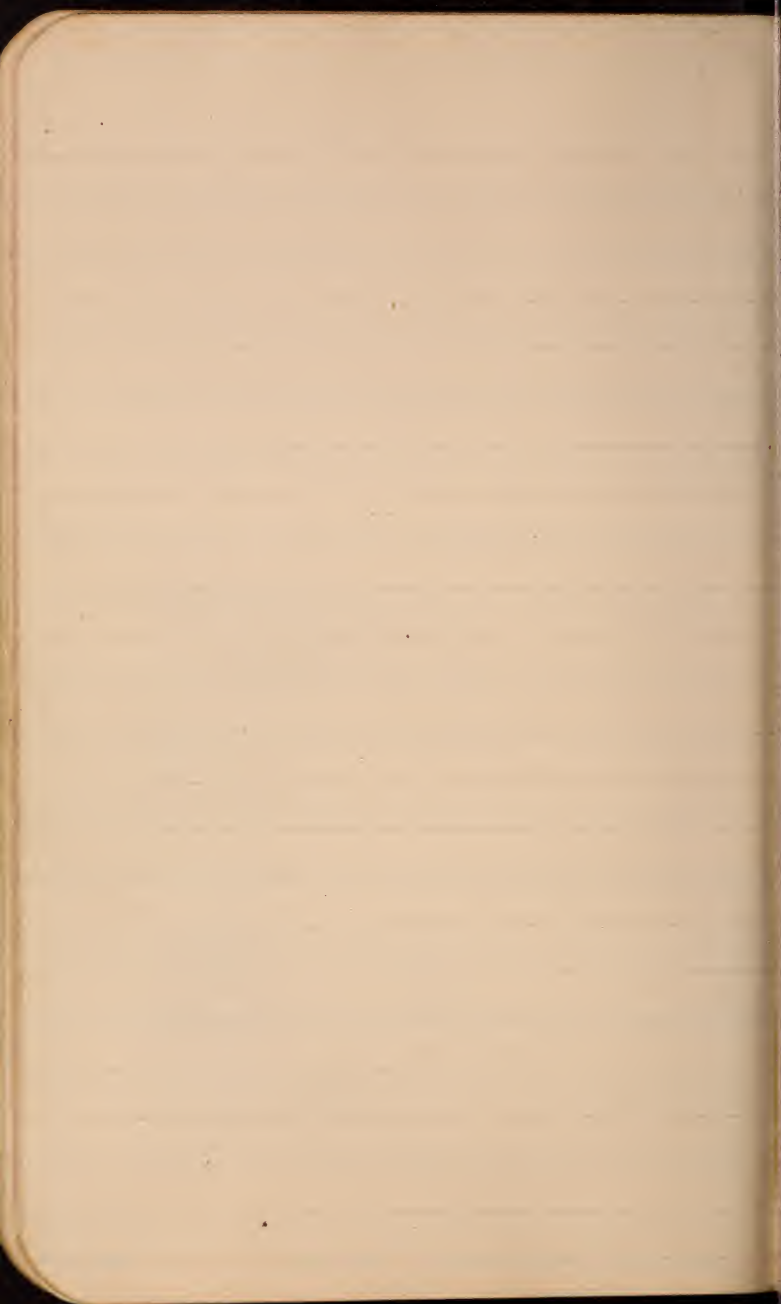


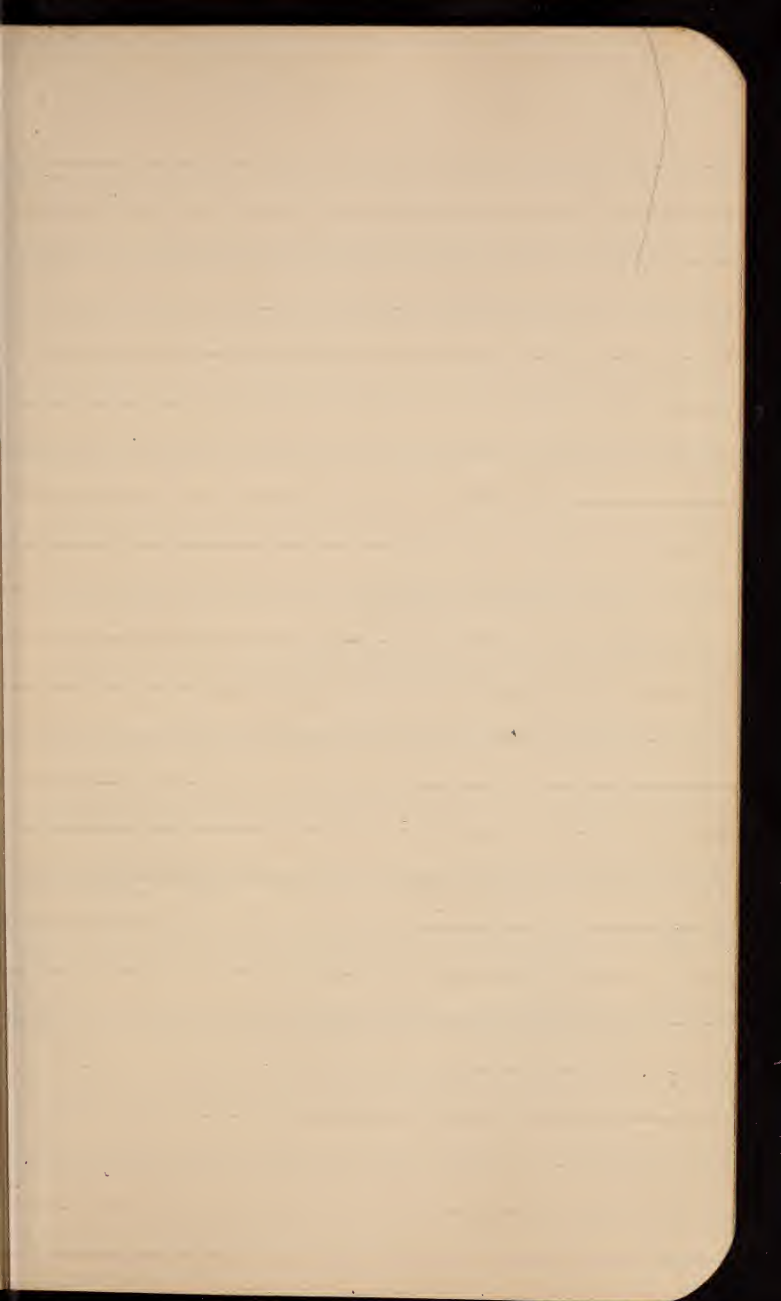


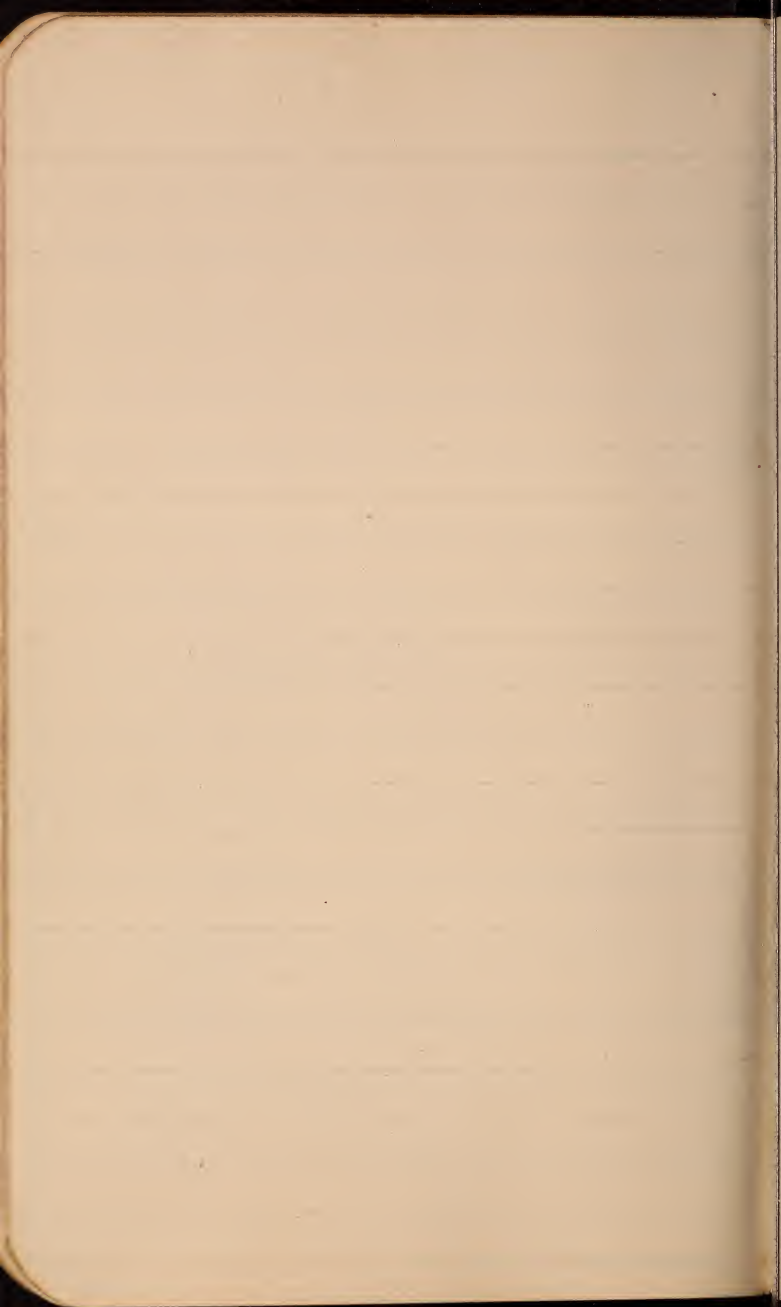




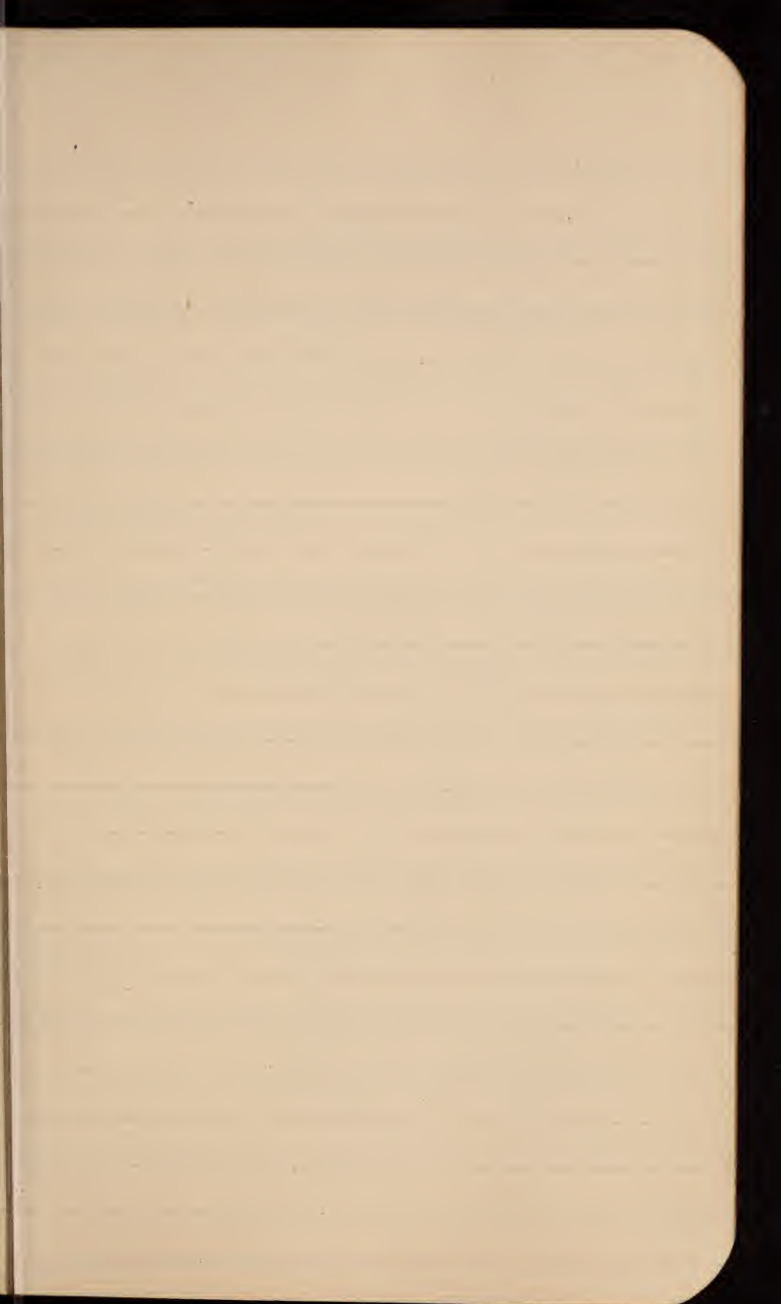


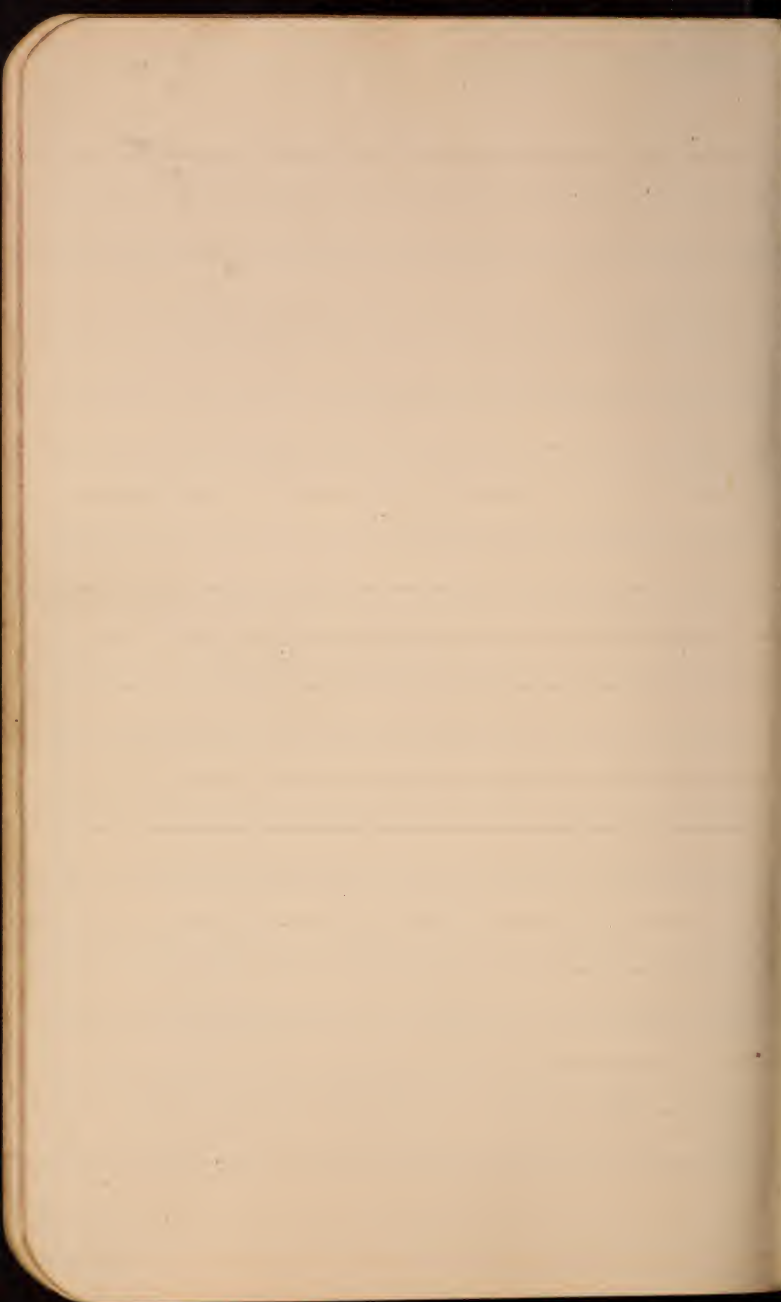


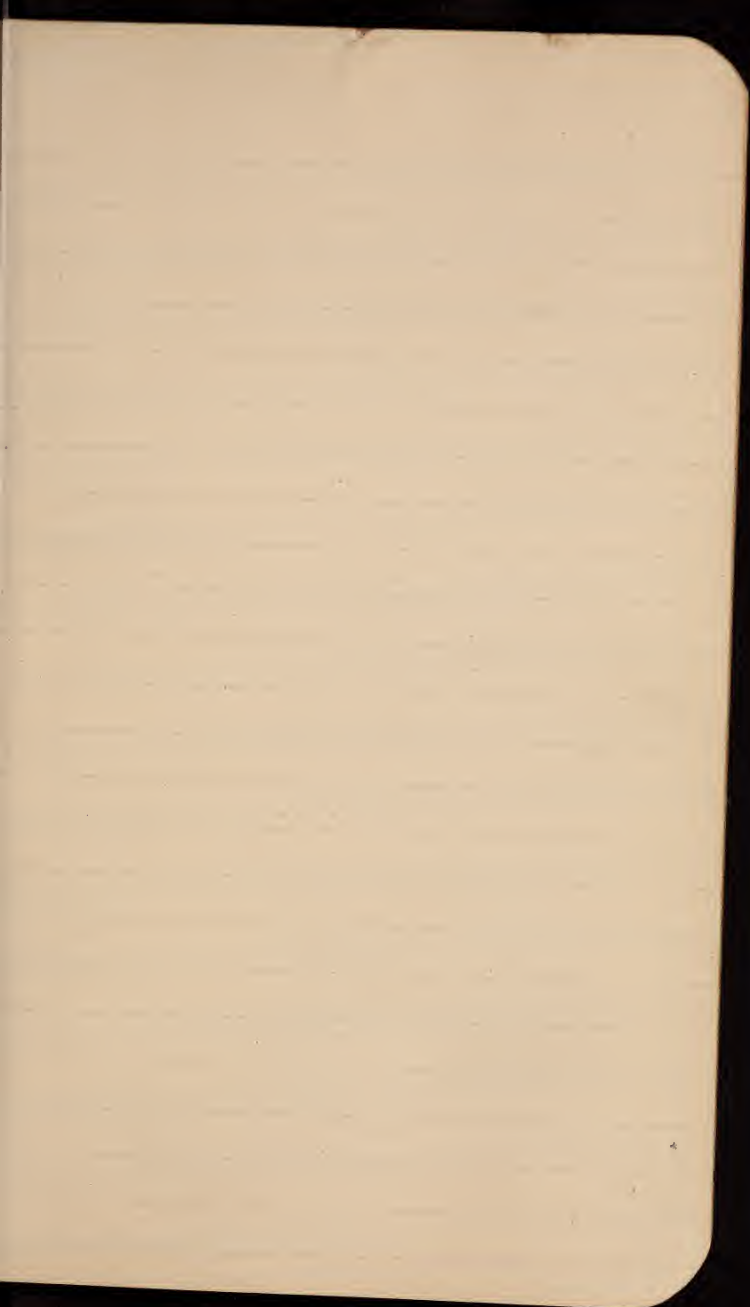


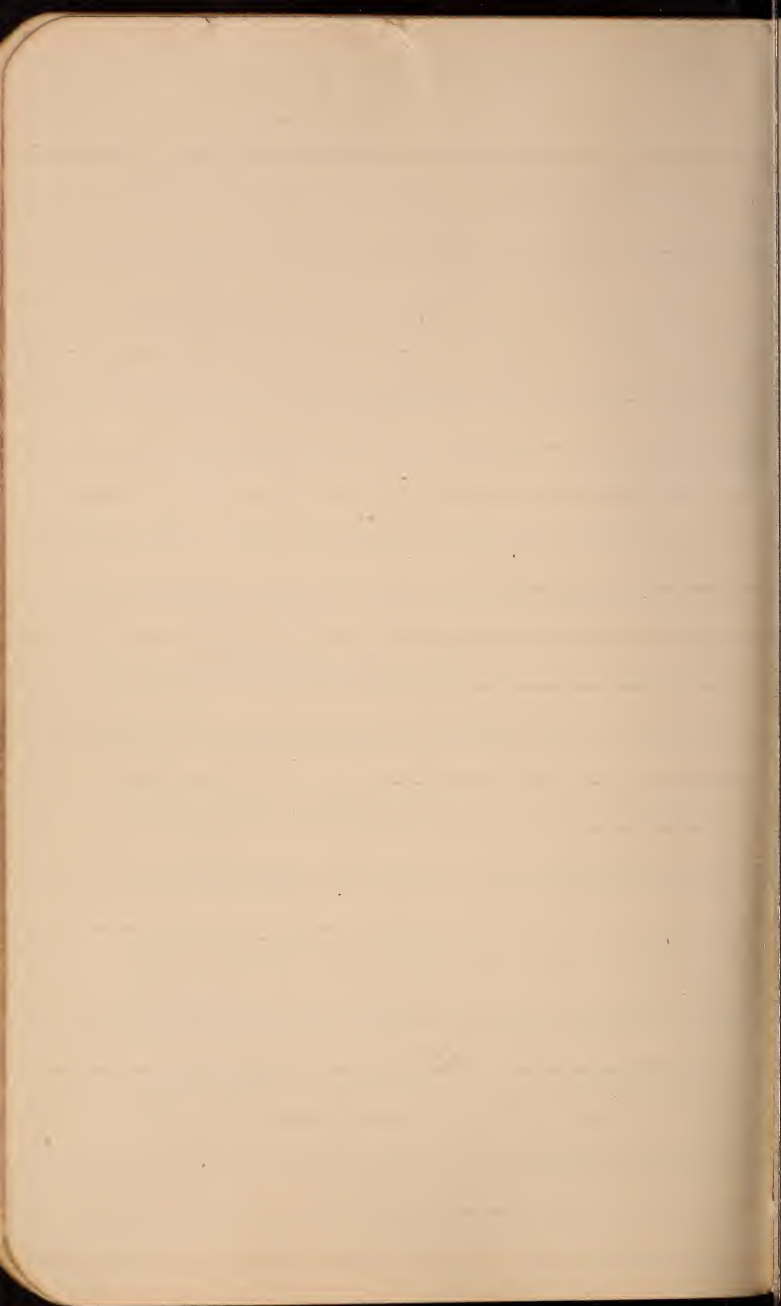




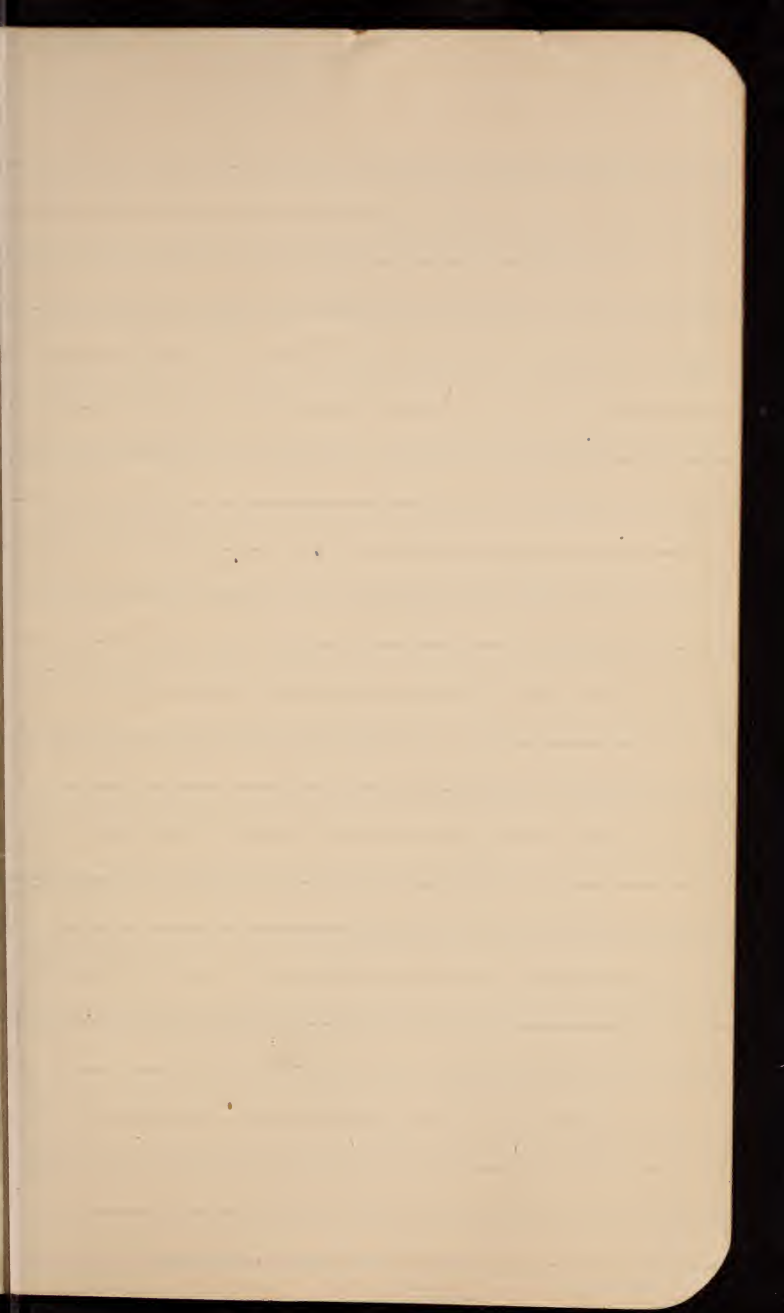


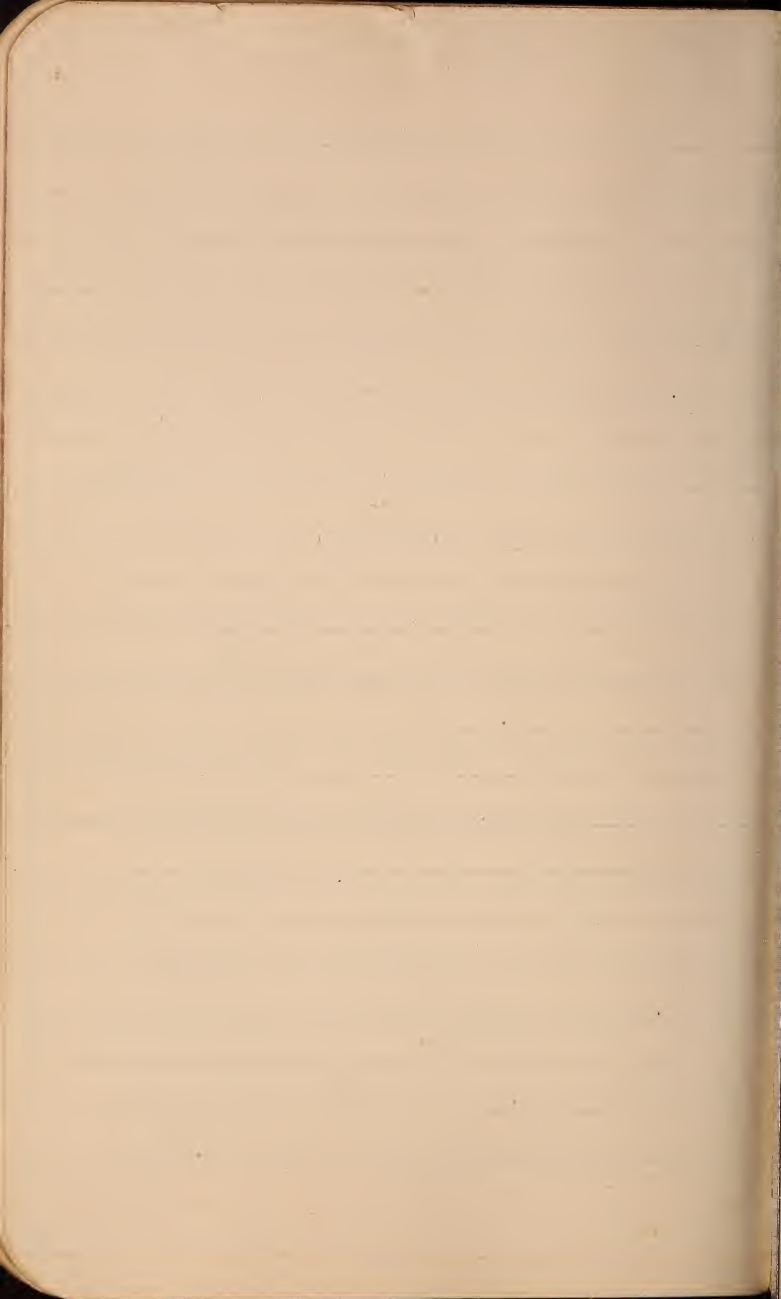


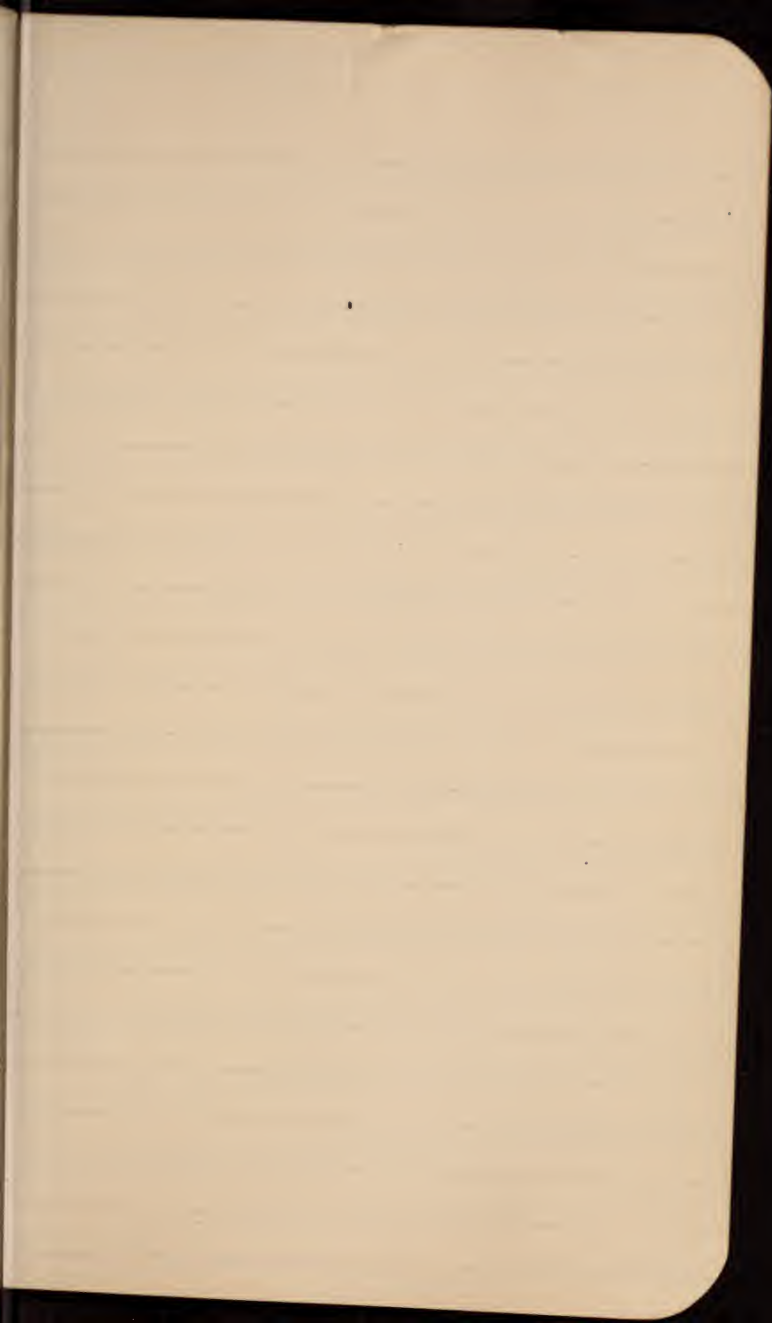


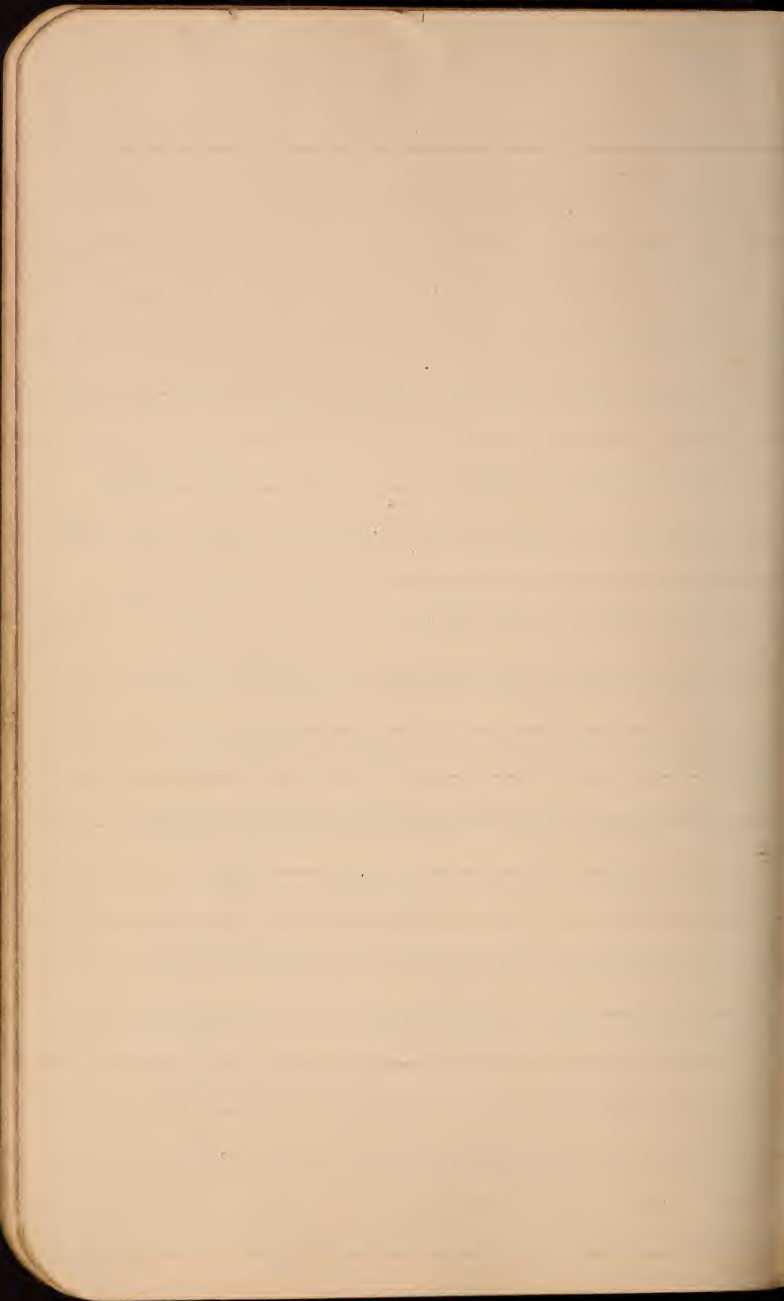




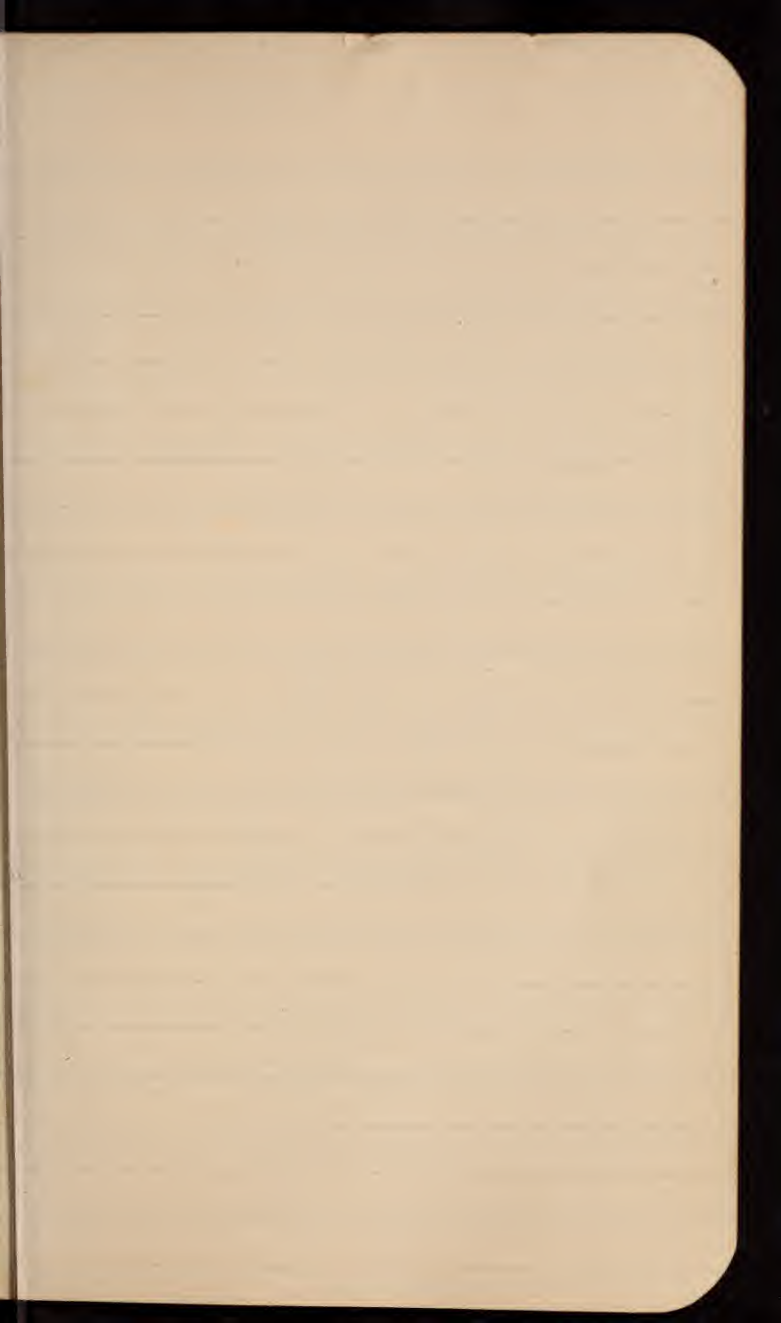












# Great Lakes

1907

1908 ch. Clerk to Civil Eng'g

1909-10-11 " Live in Chicago

1912 Bartlett & Kling Cedar Rapids

13-14-15 Prime Steel

1916 ch. CLK to CE Plain Harbor

1917 " " " Comdt " "

apr 6 - Ch Geo Fleet Nav Res

July 3 Pay Clerk

Sept Aide to Commandant  
Living Quarters J

1918 Adm Geo R Clark

" Robt Morris Doyle

"Praying" Roo - Admiral

Class of 1875 Ret 1915 D <sup>1918</sup>  
1850  
80

1924- Bolden

1924- DC App Navy Dept  
23 Chip Smith

1924- Brown Chase

1925- D.D.

1927 Bristle

1930- Cusky

1934 Cluoverius

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36 Laming

37-38 New York

39 Kimmel

40 McCain

41 Mayo

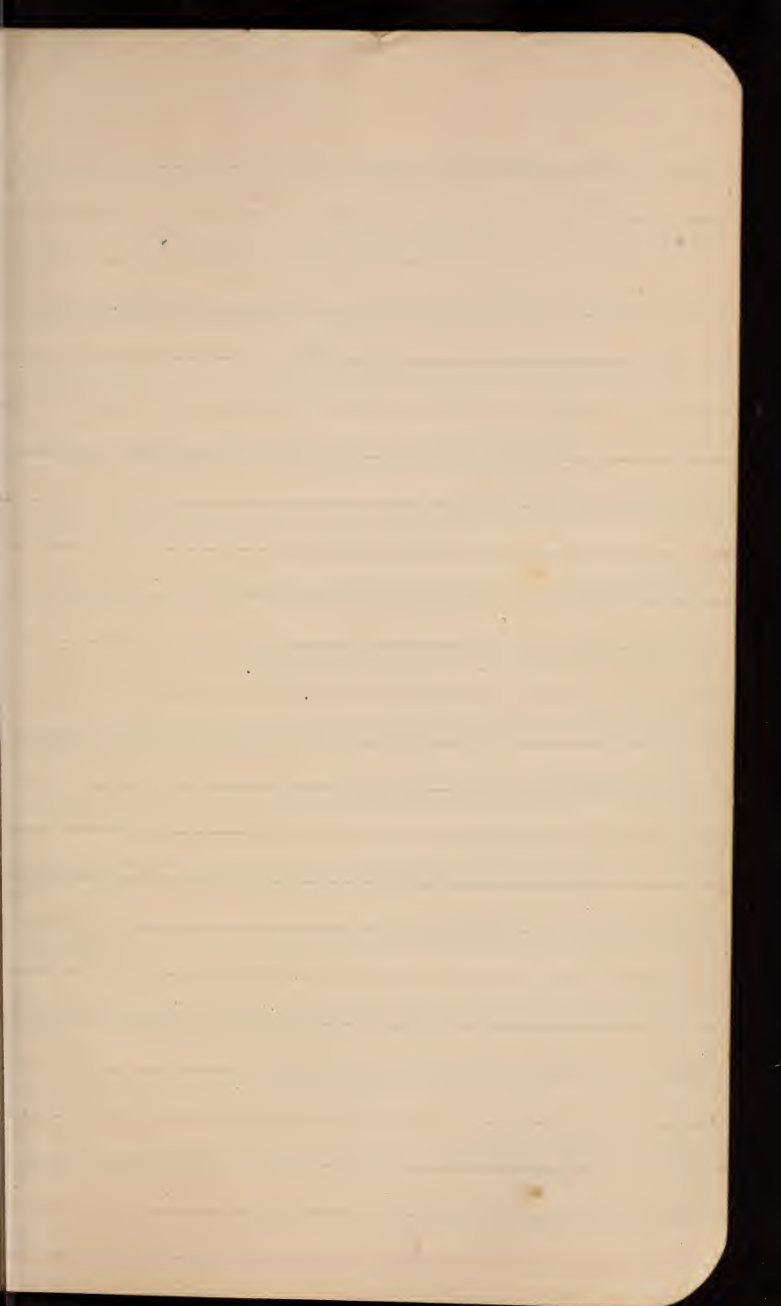
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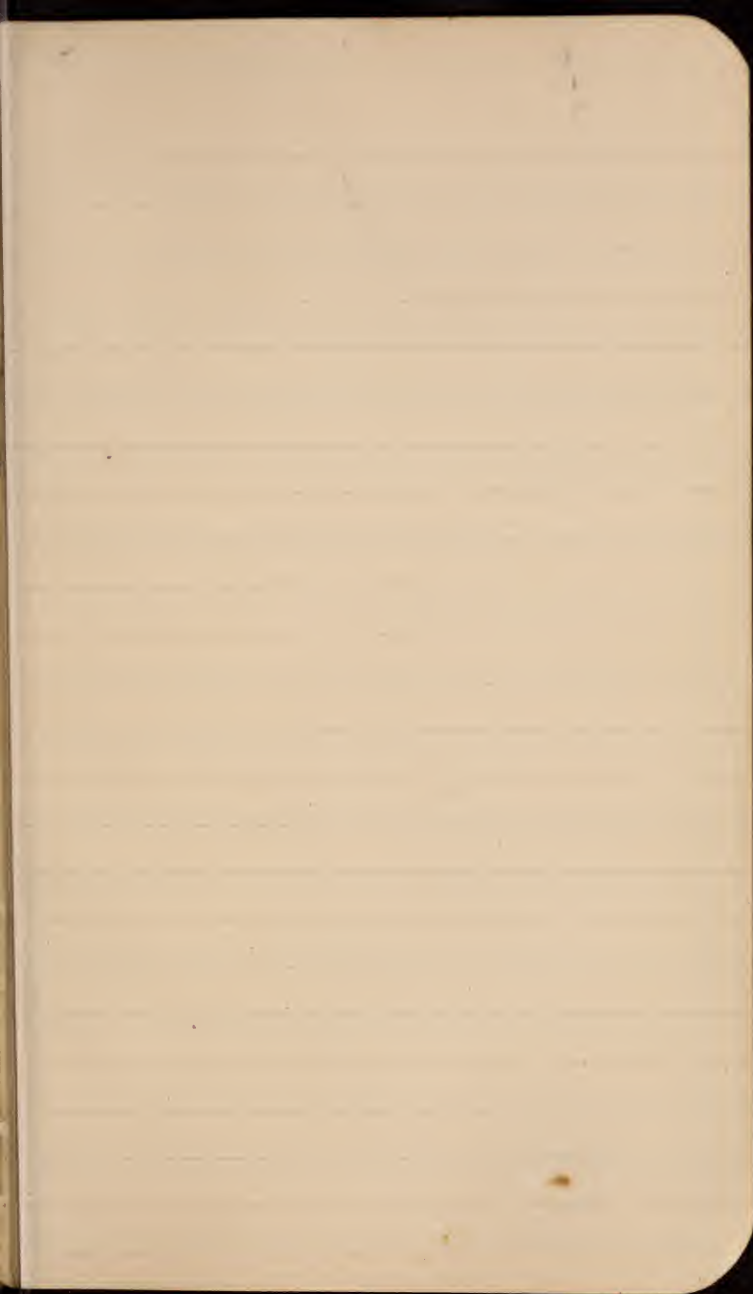
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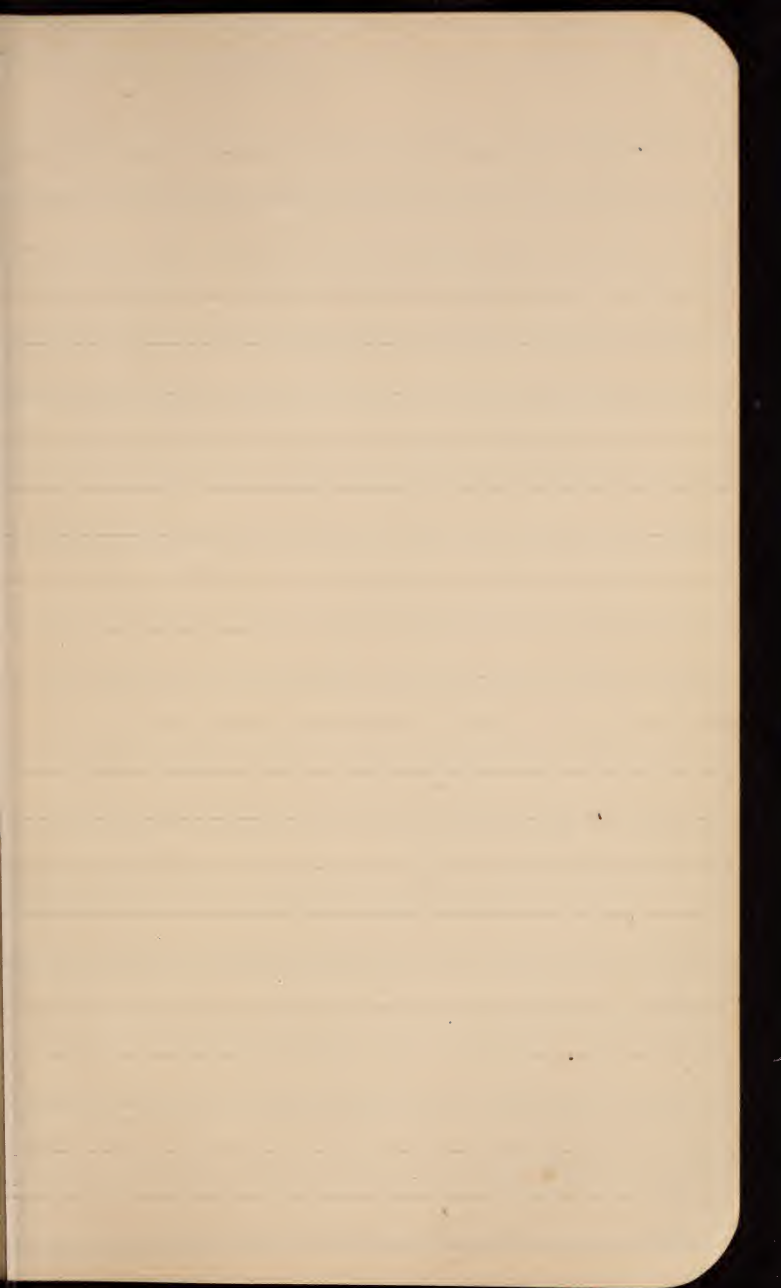






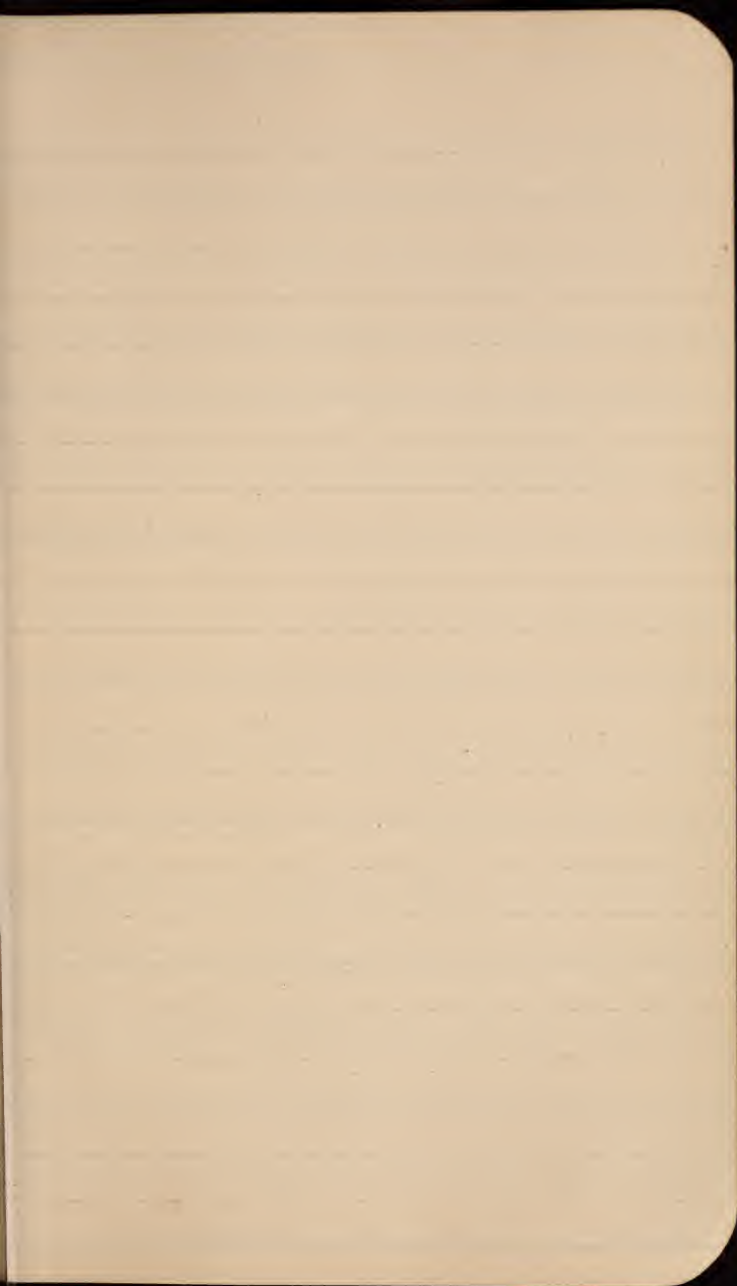




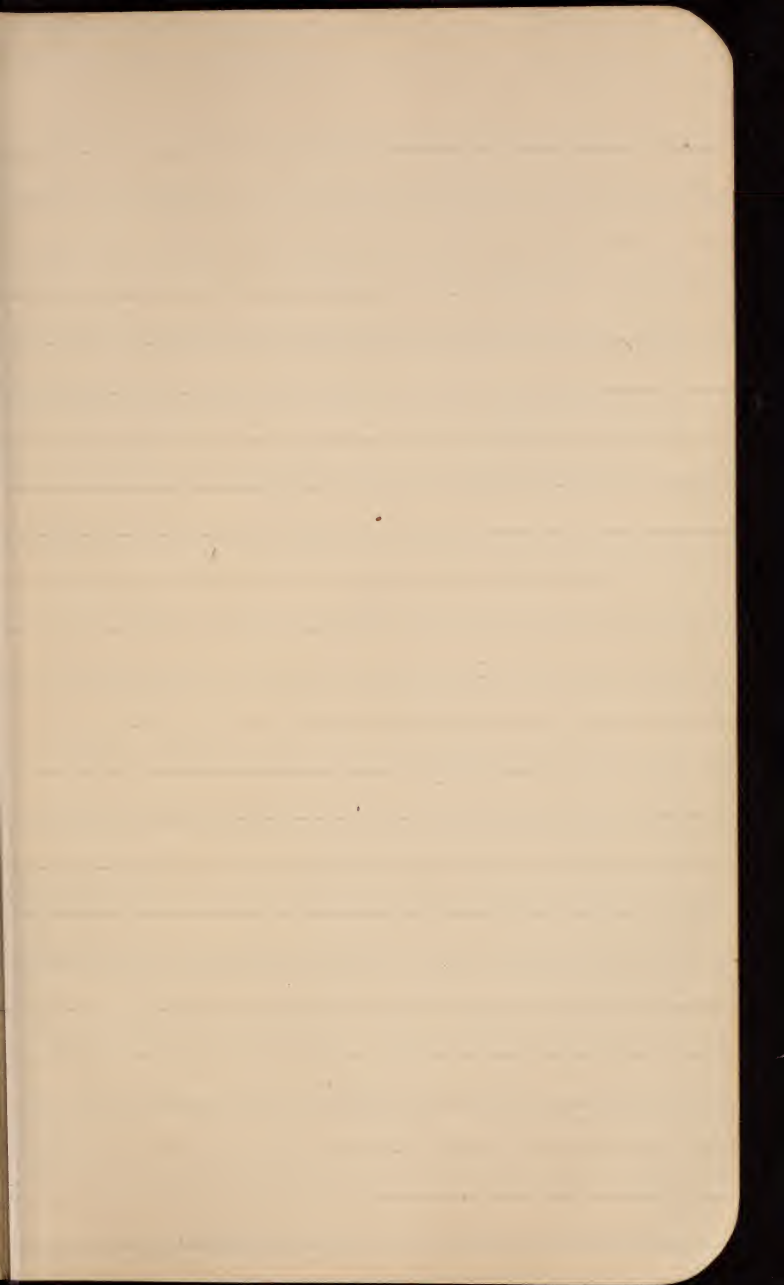




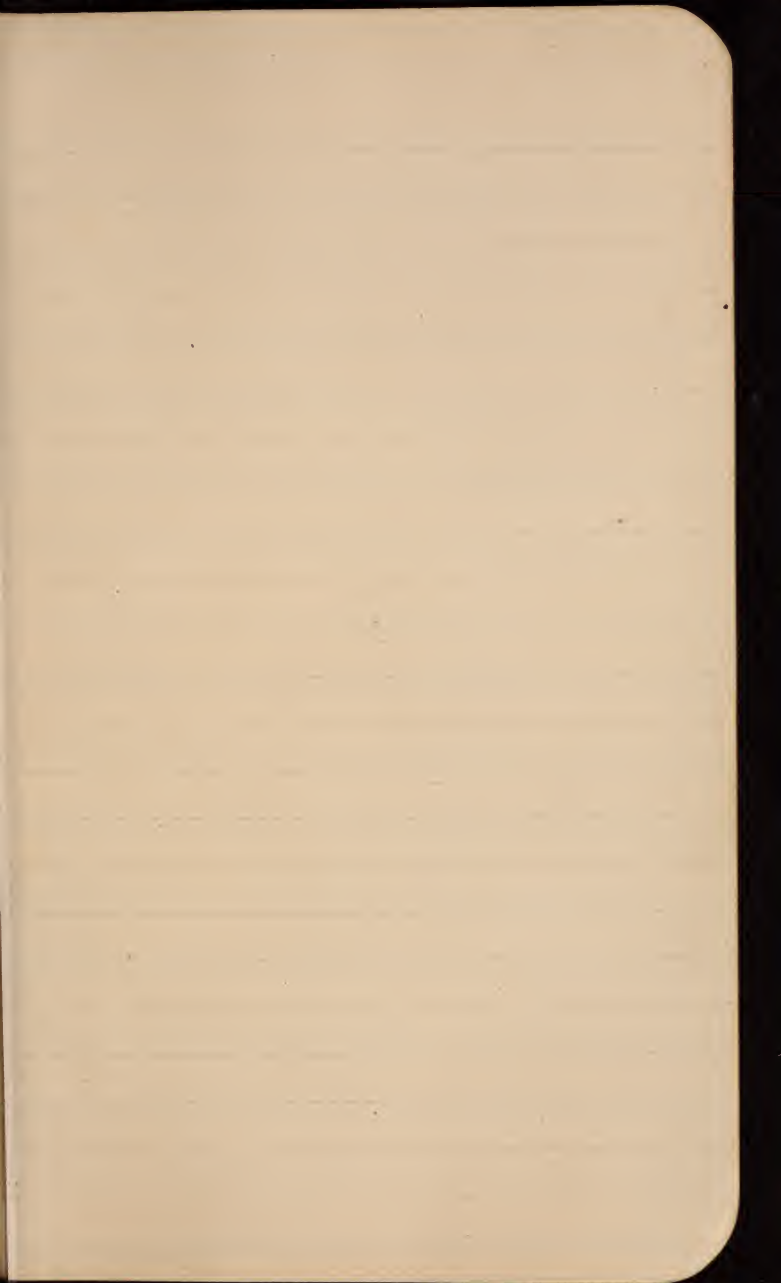






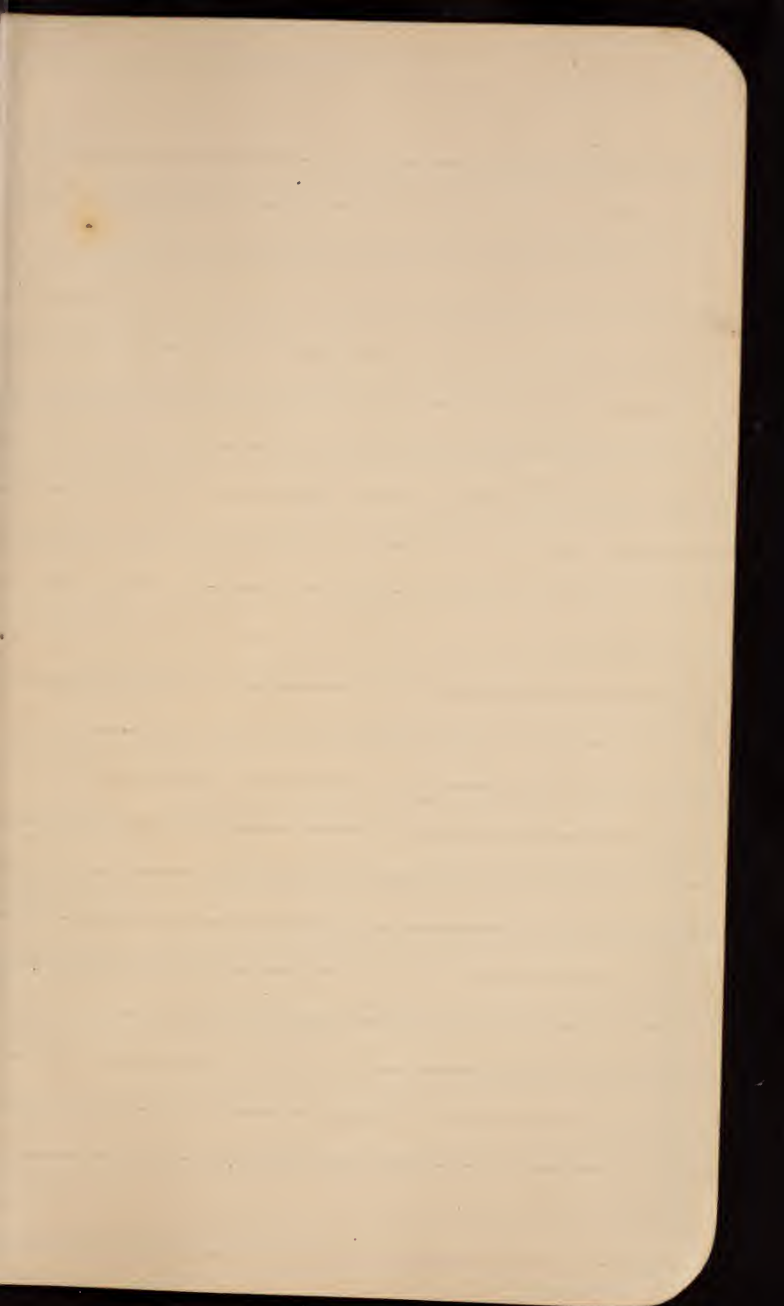


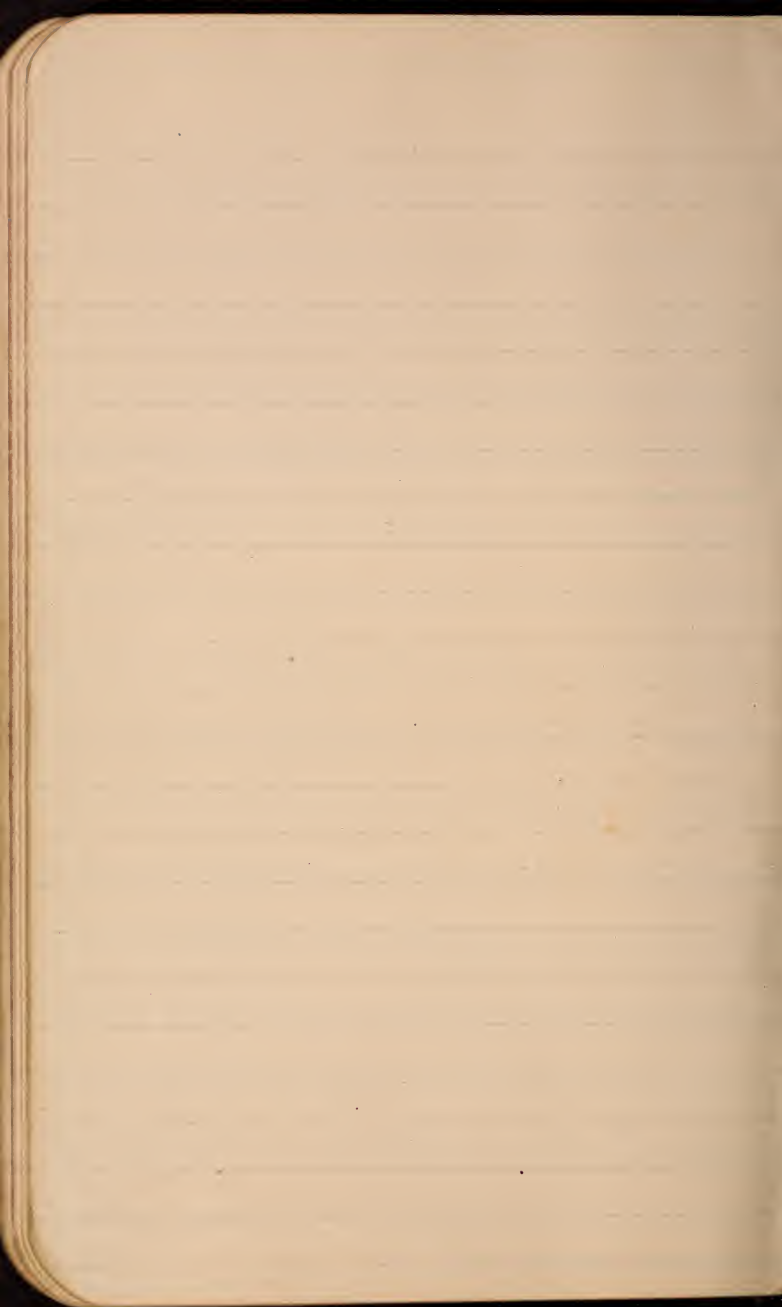


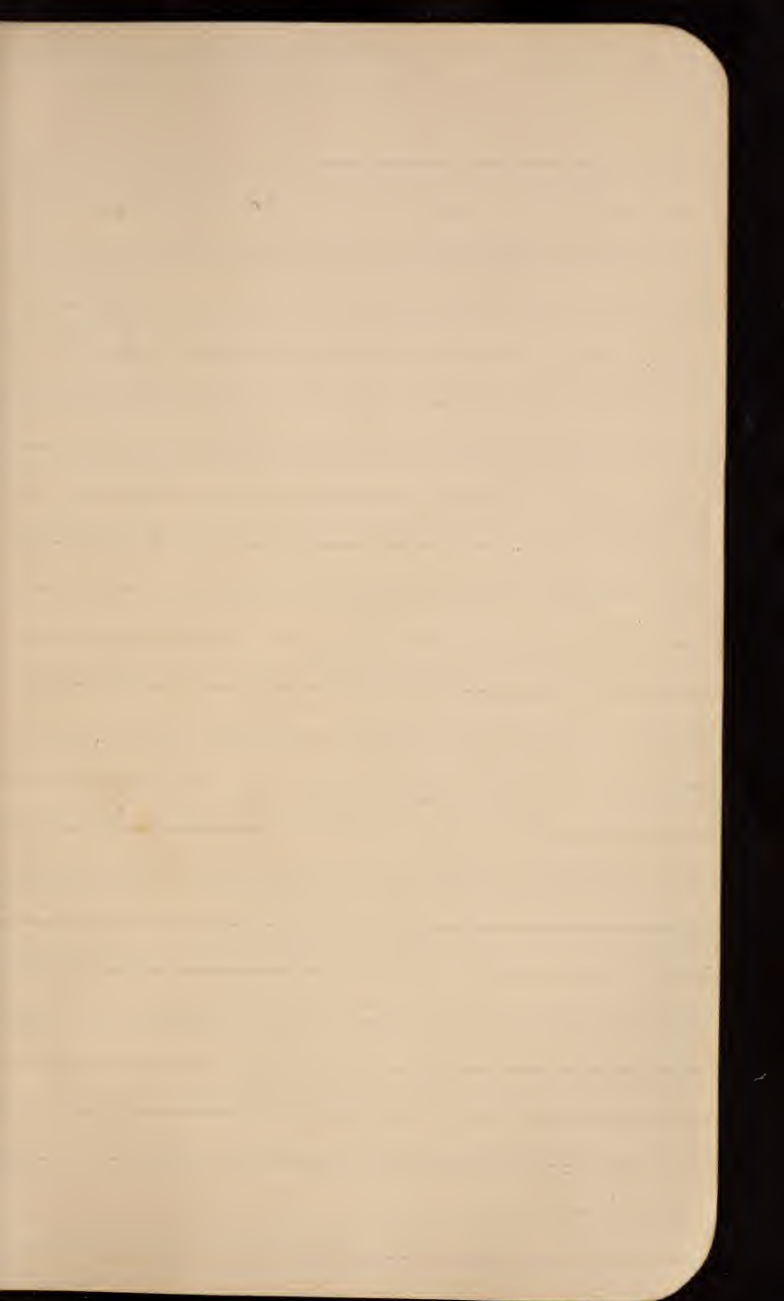












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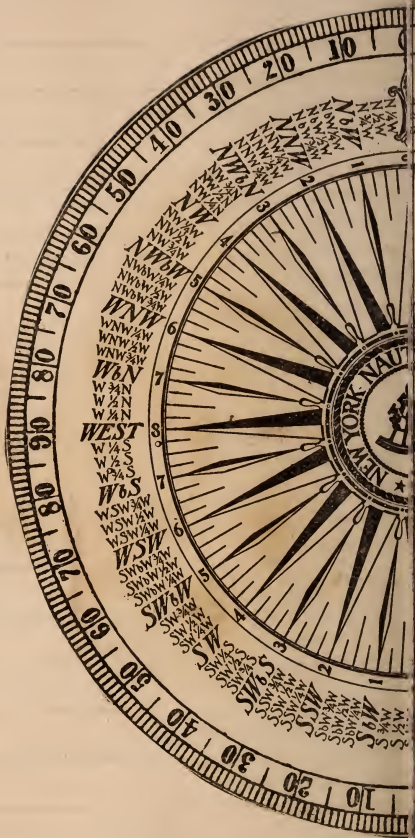


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Chelsea Clock Co  
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Boston  
Ships bell clocks



"It is easy enough to be prudent,  
 When nothing tempts you to stray;  
 When without or within no voice of sin  
 Is luring your soul away;  
 But it's only a negative virtue  
 Until it is tried by fire,  
 And the life that is worth the loss of earth,  
 Is the one that resists desire."

#### WORK OF CHARLES HOUSE.

Milwaukee Boy Helps Edit Creditable  
 Souvenir of Battleship Florida.

Charles Frederick House, a Milwaukee boy serving in the United States navy as chief yeoman to the commanding officer, Commander Charles W. Bartlett, of the battleship Florida, in conjunction with William H. Abbey, chief yeoman to another officer of the boat, have edited and issued a neat souvenir of the three years' cruise of the Florida. The souvenir book is neatly gotten up and contains much historic data regarding the cruise and the boat itself and is beautifully illustrated with half tones of officers and members of the crew, the boat itself, its baseball team, pugilists, and a number of views of places visited. Included in the features of the book is a column devoted to "Knocko, the Monk," in which various members are "taken off." Of Mr. House, Knocko says: "Charles F. House, chief yeoman, 'Sammy'—a heavy built young man from the town Schlitz and Pabst made famous. Fond of skylarking and athletic sports. A football crank, caterer of the C. P. O. mess, but will retire in a few months to go in the grocery business with his papa-in-law."

The work of Billy Booth

Evening Wisconsin Aug. 3, 1906.

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- MILWAUKEE SENTINEL - OCTOBER - 6 1905 -

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Fonda announce the  
engagement of their daughter Inez to  
Charles F. House, chief yeoman, United  
States navy.

CHARLES FREDERICK HOUSE

CHIEF YEOMAN U.S. NAVY



January 6, 1905

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PLAYERS  
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FLORIDA.

1 Peirce, Aug. 2.  
 2 Taulor, D.B.  
 3 Meard, R.B.  
 4 Abernethy, R.E.  
 5 House, D.B.  
 6 Horns, sub. E.-L.  
 7 Mathewson, L.B.  
 8 Barulandi, C.  
 10 Donovan - sub.  
 11 Escaray, L.J.  
 14 Pherrill - R.B.  
 12 Hughes - L.E.  
 13 Mackenzie - sub. b.  
 15 Miller - S.W.B.  
 16 Wilcomb - O.B.  
 17 Seward - sub. H.  
 9 Skinner - R.W.B.  
 - Kutz - S.W.B.

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